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FEDERAL COURT

Downstate judge blocks gun ban

Pritzker's office confident state's new law on high-powered weapons will be upheld

By Dan Petrella and Jeremy Gorner
Chicago Tribune

A federal judge in southern Illinois on Friday issued an injunction blocking enforcement of the state's new ban on many higher-powered firearms and large-capacity ammunition magazines, just days after a counterpart in Chicago ruled the opposite way.

The Friday ruling came in a case that consolidated lawsuits brought by a variety of groups, including the Illinois State Rifle Association, against the law passed in the Democratic-controlled General Assembly and signed by Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker in January in response to the deadly mass shooting at last year's Fourth of July parade in north suburban Highland Park.

Writing that "a constitutional right is at stake," U.S. District Judge Stephen McGlynn found the plaintiffs in the case showed the law caused an "irreparable harm" by denying them the ability to "purchase their firearm of choice" and "exercise their right to self-defense in the manner they choose."

McGlynn, who was appointed to the federal bench by President Donald Trump in 2020, also noted that "the Illinois (Sheriffs') Association and some Illinois (State's) Attorneys believe (the law) unconstitutional and cannot, in good conscience, enforce the law as written and honor their sworn oath to uphold the Constitution."

David Sigale, an attorney for the Illinois State Rifle Association, welcomed the ruling and said that based on a U.S. Supreme Court ruling from last year, McGlynn's decision was the "only conclusion to draw."

Sigale said he hopes the focus in the gun debate should be about keeping

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WHAT'S NEXT: The ruling comes three days after a judge declined to issue an injunction in a similar case in Chicago. With conflicting decisions, the implications of Friday's ruling were not clear. The Illinois Supreme Court, meanwhile, is set to hear oral arguments on May 16 in a lawsuit challenging the law.

TENFOLD SURGE IN MIGRANTS ARRIVING IN CHICAGO FUELS CRISIS, ALDERMEN TOLD, AS FAMILIES TRY TO SLEEP IN POLICE STATIONS

A migrant waits inside the Chicago Police Department's 1st District station at 18th and State streets on April 1. Advocates are pushing back on living conditions there, especially for those with health needs.
CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE

'This is unacceptable'

By Nell Salzman | Chicago Tribune

For nearly three hours Friday, Chicago aldermen met in an impassioned joint hearing on budget and immigration and refugee rights to discuss the influx of migrants arriving in Chicago daily, overwhelming nonprofits and city social services.

There has been a tenfold increase over the past 10 days in daily arrivals of migrants, said Brandie Knazze, commissioner of the Department of Family and Support Services. Migrants — often families with children — are now sheltering in police station lobbies across the city. Knazze said the city used to receive 10 people per day; that's now risen to as many as 100.

Advocates and city officials say the potential for crisis is growing, with migrants arriving with injuries, health needs and underlying conditions after surviving in substandard conditions for weeks or months on their journeys to the United States.

"How many kids (do) we have currently in our police districts waiting for assistance?" shouted Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez, 25th, who migrated to the U.S. himself as a teenager. "I personally know of several in our districts that have been already waiting for two or three days. ... This is unacceptable, and I do expect from our city and our colleagues to make sure that we work collaboratively to make sure that we have solutions that go beyond the narrative."

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DUPAGE TOWNSHIP

Muslim trustee stands up to hatred

Residents' attacks on religion, race prompt response

By Shanzeh Ahmad
Chicago Tribune

Reem Townsend attended a DuPage Township town hall-style meeting in early April as part of her duties as a trustee elected to a four-year position in 2021. It was a meeting just like any other, except for the fact that she had to break her fast during the meeting at sunset. As a practicing Muslim, Townsend was observing the month of Ramadan.

Many constituents were gathered to voice their feedback about the proposed location of a resource center and food pantry, and one constituent in particular, who she said was "pretty heated in the moment," stopped to comment on Townsend eating.

"He said something like, 'You can just go back to eating your lunch,' because I broke my fast during the meeting," Townsend, 36, told the Tribune. "So, basically, he was mocking me for practicing my religion. In that moment I heard it, so I stood up and said to him, 'Excuse me, I'm fasting for Ramadan. We eat this late, and I am going to sit here and eat my food.' "

The rhetoric escalated as the April 6 meeting

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CHICAGO HEIGHTS

Tavern, once a taste of the old country, to close after 87 years

Basketball hall of famer Jerry Colangelo cut his bocce ball chops at north star for south suburban Italian community

By Paul Eisenberg
Daily Southtown

There used to be a sign posted right outside an old, two-story house on the south side of 22nd Street in Chicago Heights, separated from its neighbors only by narrow gangways.

The sign fell off a few years ago, but the house, now divided into apartment flats, is still notable because of its famous former occupant, Jerry Colangelo.

Perhaps the most successful name to emerge from Chicago Heights this side of Inland Steel, Colangelo would become a scout for the Chicago Bulls before subsequent stops as coach, general manager and owner of the NBA's Phoenix Suns and eventually the Basketball Hall of Fame. He also owned the MLB's Arizona Diamondbacks and presided over Team USA's international basketball endeavors.

But growing up in the Heights, another sport filled his nights.

"I went to sleep at night, when weather permitted, to the sound of bocce balls clicking," he said. "Some people need music or something else to go to sleep. I recall the bocce balls clicking."

Two doors down from the modest house his Italian immigrant grandfather built in 1904 "from the remnants of two railroad boxcars and some extra lumber," the bocce courts at 3 Star Tavern at 22nd and Wallace streets had become the social hub of the working class Hungry

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CHICAGO SPORTS

JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears introduce 'Wright' guy for turnaround

New Bears offensive tackle Darnell Wright says he is embracing expectations that come with being the No. 10 pick. "It gives me a lot of confidence that they think that I can come in and help them in any type of way," the Tennessee standout told reporters Friday.

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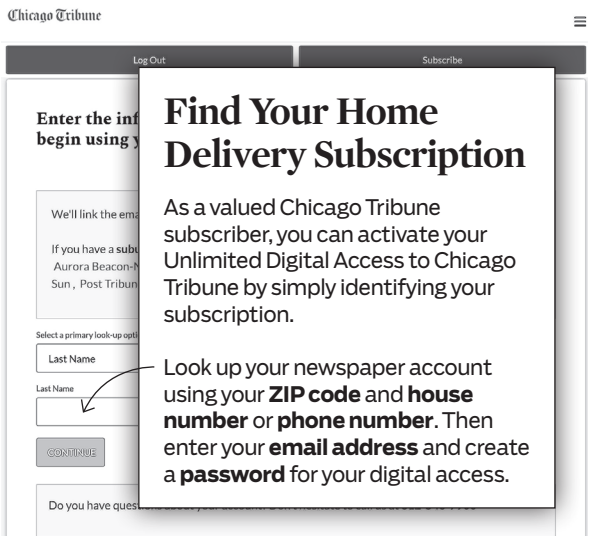
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BURBANK

Police probe shooting inside eatery

By Mike Nolan
Daily Southtown

Burbank police are investigating the murder-suicide of a 21-year-old man and 55-year-old woman, who were found Thursday evening in a restaurant.

Police said they were called at 6:38 p.m. to a report of a person shot at Frank's Chicago Shrimp House, 6539 W. 79th St.

Police tried to render aid to a woman, found on the floor of the restaurant with apparent gunshot wounds, but she was pronounced dead at the scene, according to a statement.

A man, who had also been shot, was taken to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, where he was pronounced dead, police said.

Police identified the man as 21-year-old Devon Williams and said he walked into the restaurant and shot Melissa Hoddenbach, an employee, multiple times. Williams then shot himself, police said.

The Cook County medical examiner's office confirmed Hoddenbach was shot multiple times and ruled her death a homicide, while Williams' death from a gunshot wound to the head was determined to have been a suicide.

The medical examiner identified Hoddenbach's address as the 700 block of North Lake Shore Drive in Hobart, Indiana.

The medical examiner said that the family of the man had not yet been notified and they could not provide further information, such as his address.

Police said a handgun was recovered inside the restaurant.

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3 Star Tavern in Chicago Heights has served generations, but it is set to close April 30. **PAUL EISENBERG/DAILY SOUTHTOWN**

Tavern

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Hill neighborhood adjacent to Inland's first steel plant.

The tavern "was a gathering place for the Italian community," Colangelo recalled, a place with "sawdust on the floor and spittoons" where his retired grandfather would play cards with friends who also had come from the old country.

He, too, spent many days and nights at 3 Star, or just hanging out on the street corner out front.

"As a kid, I'd go in there for a Coke and an O Henry candy bar," he said. "Then later, when you grow up, you go in there for a beer — when I was eligible."

And he played plenty of bocce, which was serious business on Hungry Hill.

"The loser had to go down to Petrarca's Grocery Store a half block down the street and buy salami, and get fresh bread at Nick the Greek's bakery a block away," Colangelo said. "That was really living."

The bocce courts are still there at 3 Star, which was established in 1936 by the Panici family. But now a few early spring weeds are sprouting through the tightly packed gravel, an unthinkable sight in the days Colangelo recalled when the courts were lined with "old time Italian guys sitting with cigars and cigarettes, having a drink and watching the games being played."

Few people line the courts these days, as there aren't many people who come to play bocce in a neighborhood where most of the old time Italian guys have either died or moved away.

When Luke Marthaler and his brother Jake Marthaler purchased 3 Star in 2013, people who would come out on bocce league nights would ask him where his family was from.

"I'd tell them Markham and Miller Woods," Luke Marthaler said. "And they said, no, where's your family from in the old country?"

Since then, interest in bocce at 3 Star "kind of dissipated," Marthaler said. He publicized open bocce nights to attract new players, "but they never caught."

"Even though it's a better game than bean bags," he said. "More people can play. You can be a bad player and still get away with playing without being absolutely run over like with bean bags."

He installed video gambling machines and dabbled in virtual golf, offered an array of menu items, brought in more TVs for sports events and refurbished 3 Star's signature bocce courts, but still the clientele dwindled.

A bocce ball on the gravel court at 3 Star Tavern, which will close after 87 years. **PAUL EISENBERG/DAILY SOUTHTOWN**

"I can count on one hand the number of regulars I have," he said. "Everyone who comes here says they have a great time, but it slips their mind because it's off the beaten path."

When Marthaler began having health difficulties, he figured it was time to put 3 Star on the market. A deal with one prospective buyer fell through, and with nothing else in the pipeline and tavern's liquor license set to expire at the end of the month, 3 Star will shut down for good Sunday after an 87-year run.

"It's time for me to flip the script," he said. "Everyone's got to do something new and it's time for me to do something new. Hopefully we'll get the offer we're looking for. It's a shame that it came down to having to close the doors."

Marthaler said he won't miss the stress of running a tavern and restaurant, but he will miss the people he's met along the way, like "the guy who comes in here every day and spends a buck on a beer."

Colangelo, whose long, successful career in basketball started in the alley behind 3 Star on a makeshift court surrounded by garbage cans and involved a hoop that sometimes didn't even have a backboard, said he often visits 22nd Street when he travels to the Chicago area.

"That was my life," he said. "I have great memories of growing up. I've been very blessed with opportunities and successes, as it turns out, but I never forgot where I came from, or the people who were there supporting me, and I've always thought I was representing them.

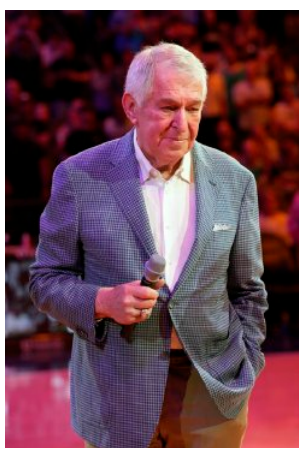
"It's a way of keeping my feet on the ground and my head where it should be. It's a way to pay homage to not only the people but to the community in every way."

A half block east of 3 Star, Petrarca's Grocery became La Granga's, and then La Rosita Supermercado. A bit farther down 22nd Street, the old San Rocco Parish where the Colangelo family regularly attended Mass was closed and demolished several decades ago and a smaller, wooden church building now serves the neighborhood.

Change is inevitable, even along a stretch as seemingly timeless as 22nd Street in Chicago Heights, and Colangelo's occasional visits to his old hangouts have illustrated that for him.

"There's a realization that things were never going to be the same," he said. "A lot of people moved away from Hungry Hill, and many don't live in Chicago Heights anymore. It's kind of a downer. I went back to keep my feet on the ground and visit whoever was still around, but there's not that many. Because of age. There's a little sadness involved with that, too."

Colangelo is preparing to depart for a monthlong trip to Europe and will not be able to make one last trip to 3 Star to throw red or green balls toward the pallino on the gravel courts before they are shuttered this month.



Basketball hall of famer Jerry Colangelo, from Chicago Heights, played plenty of bocce at the tavern when he was young. **RICK SCUTERI/AP**

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— Jerry Colangelo

"This is yet another closure," said Colangelo, now an old time Italian guy himself. "As you age in life, there's quite a few of these things that happen. That's part of our journey. Near the end, there's a lot of closures."

But Colangelo's brought some of that Hungry Hill heritage with him to Arizona, where he flew in "a few of the guys from the old neighborhood" to build a bocce court at his favorite pizza place in Phoenix. One who helped with the project, he said, was Kelo Panici, a descendant of 3 Star's original owners.

It's an opportunity to share some of his childhood in his adopted home.

"You learn a lot about life growing up on the bocce court," Colangelo said.

And back on 22nd Street, a new owner may come along for the old 3 Star, and maybe they'll replace the bocce courts with something that speaks more to the people who live on Hungry Hill these days.

It's a neighborhood that's rich with over a century of stories, and new ones are being written all the time.

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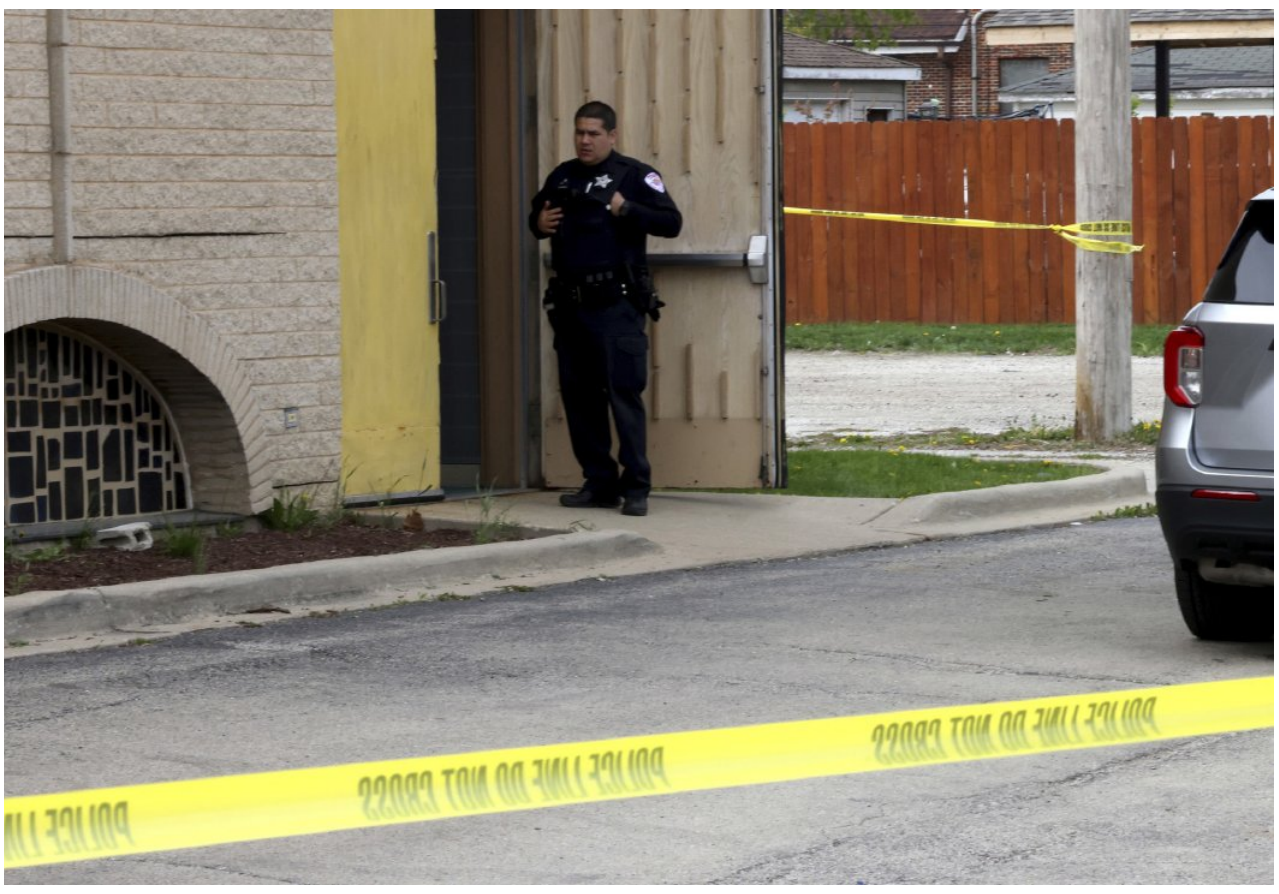

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Shots fired at Maywood funeral

A shooting during a Friday morning funeral service at Rock of Ages Baptist Church at 1309 W. Madison St. in Maywood stemmed from a family dispute during the funeral, the Maywood Police Department said in a news release. It left one person injured, police said. Officers present took two people into custody and police are investigating the shooting, according to the department's news release.

No bond for man police say stabbed in-laws

By Alexandra Kukulka
Daily Southtown

A Wisconsin man accused of stabbing and critically injuring his in-laws in their Crete home in December was denied bond Thursday on new charges of murder for hire.

Michael Y. Liu, 37, of Oak Creek, Wisconsin, has been held in the Will County jail since Dec. 2 on charges of attempted first degree murder, home invasion, aggravated discharge of a firearm, residential burglary, aggravated domestic battery, aggravated battery and trespassing.

In February, the Will County sheriff's office announced additional charges against Liu of solicitation of murder for hire while behind bars.

Assistant public defender Timothy Specht said in court Thursday that Liu is being held on $1 million bond.

For Liu's solicitation of murder for hire charges, Specht said, bond should be combined with his current bond.

"It's a serious offense, we understand that," Specht said.

Assistant state's attorney Katie Rabenda objected because she said the circumstances of the case haven't changed.

Specht argued circumstances have changed and said Liu was employed as a director of engineers before being arrested and he has since lost his job. Liu has college and postgraduate degrees and family support, Specht said.

Judge Amy Bertani-Tomczak denied the motion, agreeing with the prosecution's argument.

"There's no change in circumstances," Bertani-Tomczak said.

Rabenda said Liu has been sending mail marked as legal but it is intended for his two children.

She requested the judge grant a motion for no contact with his children, which Bertani-Tomczak agreed to.

Liu is accused of stabbing his 68-year-old father-in-law and his 66-year-old mother-in-law on Dec. 1 at their home in unincorporated Will County near Crete.

Liu was scheduled to turn himself in at the Waukesha County Huber Detention Facility Dec. 4 for a domestic battery conviction from July as well as a violation of an order of protection complaint, according to the Will County sheriff's office, which responded to the call.

Instead, Liu traveled from Wisconsin "in an attempt to enact revenge on his soon-to-be ex-wife's parents," police said.

The mother-in-law spent two days in the hospital following the attack, while the father-in-law was in the hospital for a week, prosecutors said.

The sheriff's office said it was notified Jan. 13 by jail staff that Liu talked to several inmates about hiring a hit man to kill the witnesses in his case and offered to pay $20,000.

Detectives recorded Liu discussing the plot with other inmates, according to a news release, and one inmate convinced Liu that he had a friend who would carry out the killing for cash payment.

The inmate told Liu the hit man would require an upfront payment of $10,000 and then another $10,000 after the killings, according to the sheriff's news release.

Road construction season heats up in Naperville with bridge replacement

By Suzanne Baker
Naperville Sun

A flurry of road projects are planned for Naperville this construction season.

Topping the list for 2023 is the long-awaited replacement of the Washington Street bridge over the west branch of the DuPage River.

The city plans to demolish and reconstruct the east side of the span this year, followed by the west side next year.

The water that flows through the northern section of the DuPage under the bridge has been rerouted so crews can work beneath the span.

What won't be happening this year in downtown Naperville is replacing four blocks of pavement and sidewalk on Washington Street from Chicago to Benton avenues.

Complications with work on the underlying utilities caused the city to place a hold on that portion of the Downtown Streetscape project until next year, which shouldn't be a problem since the bridge construction will continue through 2024.

On the north side of the city, the second phase of the North Aurora Road underpass project will get underway this year, replacing the 110-year-old Canadian National/Wisconsin Central Railroad bridge with a new structure that will span the newly expanded five traffic lanes.

Work still needs to be done this spring to finish widening the north half of North Aurora Road.

The $14.5 million cost is covered with federal highway funds and money from the cities of Naperville and Aurora and Naperville Township.

The work is necessary to eliminate the bottleneck that's created on both sides of the railroad underpass.

Construction is expected to be completed in 2025.

There are $3.4 million in improvements planned for the pavement, curb and gutter, drainage and street lighting on Columbia Street from Monticello Drive to Fifth Avenue.

DuPage County is contributing $500,000 to the project. Naperville will pay $1 million toward the cost of DuPage County upgrades to Naperville Road from Naperville-Wheaton Road/Ridgeland Avenue to Diehl Road.

The project includes roadway resurfacing, upgraded streetlights and the reconstruction of the city portion of the intersection.

DuPage's $15 million pavement maintenance program includes work on Wehrli Road/College Road from 75th Street to Maple Avenue in Naperville, Lisle and Lisle Township; Ferry Road from Eola Road to Route 59 in Naperville, Naperville Township, Aurora and Warrenville; and River Road from Ferry Road to Warrenville Road in Warrenville.

The work is to be finished by October.

Naperville expects to spend $13 million on its annual street maintenance improvement program, including full roadway resurfacing and reconstruction as well as smaller scale improvements, such as patching, crack filling and microsurfacing.

Just under 13 miles of the 460 miles of municipal roads will be resurfaced, including Diehl Road from Mill Street to Naper Boulevard and Washington Street from Warrenville Road to Apache Drive.

Work also is planned on streets in the following neighborhoods: Saddle Creek, Country Lakes, South Pointe, Windgate, Woodlake, Cedar Glen and Old Farm.

Slated this year are $1.5 million in maintenance improvements to the Van Buren and Water Street parking decks and $850,000 in rehab work on the lower-level driving surface at the Naperville Municipal Center deck.

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Police: Former Kane clerk misused funds

By Megan Jones
Beacon-News

Former Kane County Circuit Court Clerk Thomas Hartwell is accused of theft and official misconduct after allegedly misusing almost $120,000 in public funds while in office, officials said Wednesday.

The charges come after a two-year investigation by Illinois State Police and the Illinois Department of Revenue, according to officials.

Hartwell, 63, of Elgin, is also charged with several counts of committing wire fraud, money laundering, misapplying funds as a government employee and income tax fraud, according to Kane County court records.

Hartwell was indicted by a Kane County grand jury Tuesday and taken into custody at his home Wednesday morning, officials said.

In a news release Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser said she notified state police in January 2021 about what appeared to be misappropriated county funds by Hartwell.

Mosser alleges that between December 2018 and November 2020 Hartwell, while acting in his official capacity as the circuit court clerk, misappropriated $119,575 in county funds.

Hartwell served as Kane County circuit court clerk from 2012-20, when he lost a reelection bid to current clerk Theresa Barreiro.

Mosser alleges that Hartwell, on multiple occasions, misappropriated Kane County funds to Gutierrez Productions Inc. and Dar Illuminations LLC.

Hartwell is accused of using county money to pay the companies to promote a May 2020 event billed as a personal protective equipment/care package giveaway, but which was actually a political event that county funds should not have been approved for, according to officials in the release.

Also, Hartwell is accused of receiving $15,000 in kickbacks from Robert Gutierrez, the president of Gutierrez Productions and Dar Illuminations.

Gutierrez, of St. Charles, was also indicted Tuesday in connection with the case.

He is charged with theft by deception of greater than $100,000 and providing kickbacks, officials said.

Hartwell is also accused of failing to report income on his 2018, 2019 and 2020 tax returns and providing false information about his income to his accountant during those three years, officials said.

Bail for Hartwell and Gutierrez has been set at $20,000. They are both due back in Kane County court May 26.

Hartwell, a Republican, had previously run for judge in 2017 and served as a Kane County Board member from 1996-2000. He also previously served as chairman of the Kane County Republican Party.

Attempts to reach Hartwell at home and at the Collins, Radja and Hartwell P.C. law firm where he is a partner were unsuccessful.

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Migrants

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Last fall, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott began sending busloads of migrants to Chicago to protest new arrivals in his state. But now, individuals and families are arriving from Texas on planes, said the city's chief engagement officer, Nubia Willman.

The city used to bring arriving migrants to safe spaces like hospitals, Willman said. Shelter requests are immediately made through Chicago's 311 system, and the city partners with community organizations to transport migrants to shelters that have availability, said Matt Doughtie, manager of emergency management services at the city's Office of Emergency Management and Communications. OEMC leads the effort to explore potential new sheltering opportunities across the city.

"Historically, any unhoused individual could wait at their local hospital or police station for placement from 311. However, due to the influx in wait times, medical partners requested that they no longer be used as respite," Willman said.

Knazze said the situation has "drastically changed" in the past 10 days — with many children forced to sleep on the hard floors of police stations. It's easier for single men than families to find shelter beds, she said.

Knazze called recent arrival numbers "a surge" that will only increase after an anticipated May 11 expiration of Title 42, a 2020 U.S. policy that tightened border regulations to stem the spread of COVID-19.

She emphasized that the immediate solution is to increase the amount of appropriate shelter spaces around the city, like decommissioned schools, vacant commercial properties, church properties and Park District facilities.

Though there are many empty buildings in Chicago, not all can be turned into shelters, Knazze said. An appropriate shelter space must house at least 250 people, Knazze said; there needs to be space for eating and restrooms and the ability to have showers and laundry services. Buildings must pass fire, safety and environmental tests. The OEMC's Doughtie said the city has explored the viability of approximately 200 various facilities and conducted site visits to about 50.

The city has established 20 shelters since the 108 buses were sent from Texas, Doughtie said. Twelve of them have closed, leaving just eight, he said.

Doughtie also said the OEMC established a planning cell within its Emergency Operations Center to develop a "surge plan" in anticipation of the end of Title 42. The plan includes 13 courses of action or potential options the city can take in different situations. It includes estimated costs of each plan of attack.

But none of this work can be done without appropriate funds at the state and federal levels, said Chicago budget director Susie Park. The total anticipated cost for January through June is $124.8 million, which includes planning for the current surge to reach a peak of 4,700 new arrivals per day, Park said.

Leveraging state and city funding and anticipated funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency still leaves a shortfall of about $53 million to meet needs through June 30 alone, she said.

With migrants crowded at stations in their wards, aldermen responded with emotion. They raised questions about how they could best help facilitate these shelter efforts.

Ald. Michael Rodriguez, 22nd, said that he has been struck by the significant amount of tension between city, state, federal and nonprofit entities in recent conversations. He suggested the creation of a multi-agency resource center.

"I'm worried about the way in which we're collaborating or not. There's a lot of pointing fingers," he said. "Why don't we have a federal entity here sitting next to you, Commissioner Knazze, talking about their response here?"

Knazze said that the city recently instituted a 30-day maximum stay time in shelters to try to help lessen the strain on Chicago police. Most stay for longer, she said.

"People are leaving the shelter system, but I just want to be clear, the pace we're getting new arrivals — the outflow does not match the inflow. And so that is why there is a bottleneck," she said.

A resettlement plan is just as important as a comprehensive shelter system, added Marisa Novara, commissioner of the Department of Housing. Resettlement programs include case management and rental assistance managed by community partners in collaboration with the state.

A spokesperson for Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker told the Tribune that a total of more than $200 million in both state and federal funding has been committed to housing asylum seekers both in and outside of Chicago.

"Since December 2022, the state has approved 652 household applications (nearly 1,900 people) through the Asylum Seeker Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ASERAP). As of today, 46 people remain in hotels and are on a path to resettlement," a Pritzker spokesperson said in a written statement.

Cook County Health has been providing care to asylum seekers since the influx began late last summer. County Board President Toni Preckwinkle told reporters Wednesday that the county needed "a total of $28 million to continue supporting the health care needs of our asylum seekers," and that she planned to lobby for the funds in Springfield early next week.

State payments covered roughly $1.5 million of the total $1.7 million in monthly costs for care provided at Cook County Health. But those payments stopped on Feb. 1, Preckwinkle said.

Ald. Rossanna Rodriguez, 33rd, thanked the volunteers who have been stepping up to coordinate support and provide meals to families sleeping in police stations.

"This has been a really difficult and painful time," she said.

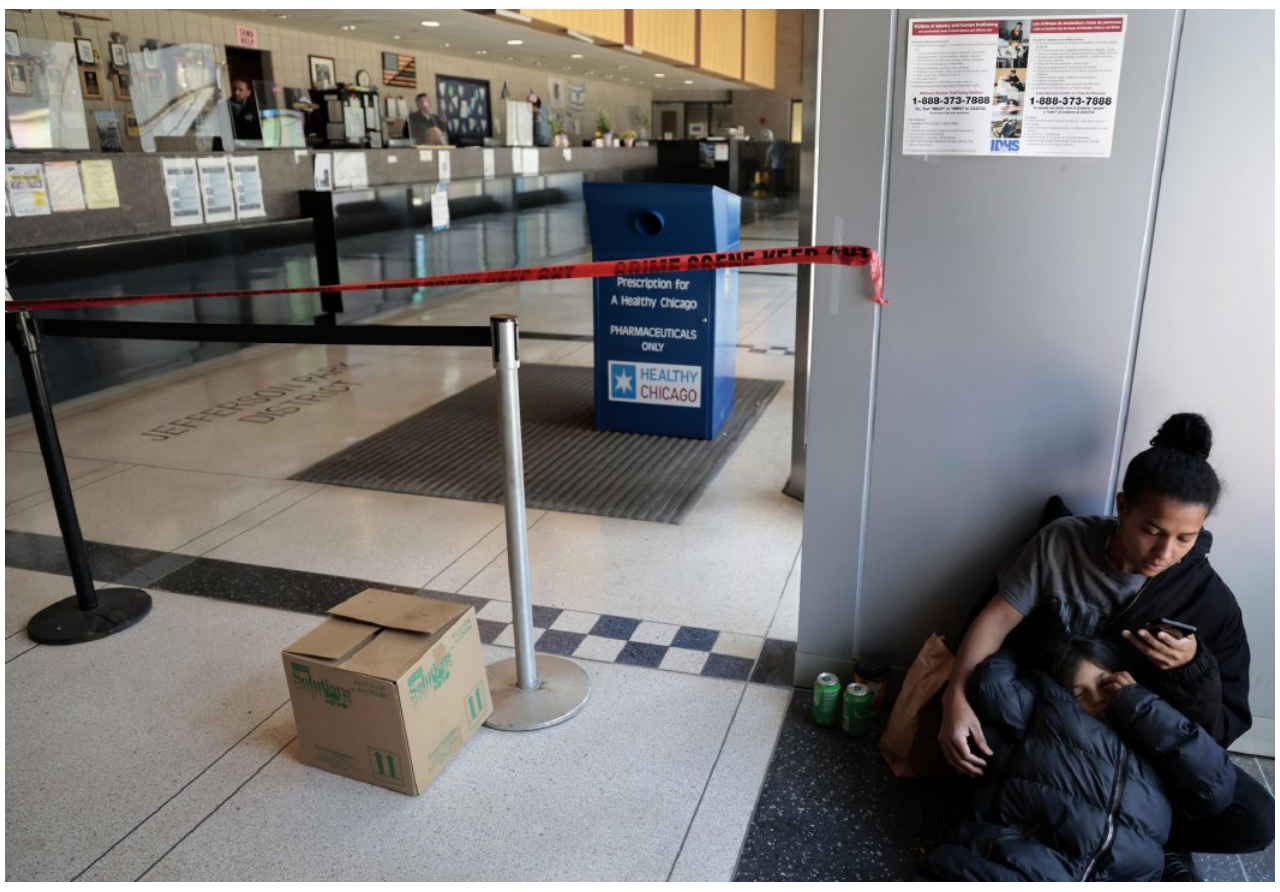
Rodriguez asked about the possibility of allowing migrants at police stations to shower, even as they wait to hear back from 311. She asked if there was any way to provide cots that could be folded and then put away.

"We're unable to do storage of those items," police Cmdr. Robert Vanna said. "Personal items that are part of the belongings of asylum seekers is a different conversation, but the day-to-day storage of those things is something that we're unable to do at this time."

Ald. Samantha Nugent, 39th, credited the OEMC with hard work responding to the ever-changing situation.

"We're dealing with people. And you can't just tick a box with people. They have unique circumstances," she said. "The city (is) handling a humanitarian crisis at large that is bigger than this city. It is bigger than us. It is a national problem that has to be addressed on the federal level, and so we can't do this all by ourselves."

Chicago Tribune's A.D. Quid, Jeremy Gorner and Dan Petrella contributed.



Venezuelan migrants Karen Malave and her daughter Avril Brandelli, 7, spend their seventh day at the 16th District police station in Chicago on Wednesday. **ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Hatred

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progressed. The same man again addressed Townsend and said he voted for her in 2021. When Townsend thanked him, he responded by saying he "wouldn't do that again," she recalled.

That's when another man, who was taking a video of the meeting, said something to the effect of, "Well, he didn't know she was a suicide bomber," Townsend recalled.

"That wasn't just an attack on my religion," she said. "It was also an attack on me as a Palestinian. He was also sitting with people that I ran against in the election that attacked me for being Palestinian."

The racist outburst drew immediate condemnation from the DuPage Township Democrats, the Will County Progressives and the Council on American Islamic Relations.

"Islamophobia and bigotry have no place in our society, and we urge local officials to take appropriate action to address and prevent such incidents from happening in the future," the statement from CAIR said. "We also encourage the community to come together in support of our Muslim neighbors and to work toward building a more inclusive and welcoming society for all."

DuPage Township Trustee Reem Townsend has faced racism and attacks on her religion from residents. **SHANNA MADISON/TRIBUNE**

Despite the number of Muslims growing across the country, slurs against Muslims in elected office remain nothing new, with even former President Donald Trump once posting racist tweets about four female lawmakers. However, more members of the community continue to get politically involved in more visible ways, activists say.

According to a report released last July, which showed that the state's Muslims are the most diverse and one of the fastest-growing faith communities in the country, there are more Muslims per capita now in Illinois than in any other state.

In January, state Rep. Nabeela Syed, a Democrat from Inverness, became one of the first Gen Z legislators to serve in Springfield after she defeated a Republican incumbent for a seat representing the northwest suburbs.

Qasim Rashid, a human rights lawyer from Naperville who also lived in Bolingbrook for about 10 years, said he reached out to Townsend after hearing about what had happened and offered his support. In solidarity, he attended the next DuPage Township meeting on April 18 because, he said, "being able to call out and condemn that kind of bigotry in a public setting can show others how to become better allies and is a great way to stop hate in its tracks."

"There isn't a single piece of this country's major history that Muslims were not a part of," Rashid said. "Not only are Muslims part of this country, but this country never existed without Muslims. There is no America without American Muslims. I want my 7-year-old American Muslim daughter to grow up and not have to experience any of this bigotry, and that only happens if we play an active role in our communities without shying away from our faith and our backgrounds."

Townsend said both her parents are first-generation immigrants from Palestine and that she wears her religion and her culture on her sleeve. She said she is "100% very proud and very vocal about it."

Townsend lives with her family in Bolingbrook, which she said makes up most of DuPage Township along with small parts of Naperville and Romeoville. She works for the township part time while working full time as an executive assistant for a health care company CEO.

She said she heard similar discriminatory remarks when she was running for trustee, and that her family has also been subjected to some negativity from the community.

"I just think it's so ignorant," Townsend said. "There are millions of Muslims in the world, and even in DuPage Township we have a large Muslim population, and people don't even know it was just Ramadan? I practice my religion, but I'm also making sure that I am fulfilling my duties in public office. It's just disrespectful and offensive that there are still people like this out there.

"The other people who were running against me even said racist and hateful things, not just about my religion, but about being a Palestinian," Townsend said. "I grew up hearing that stuff, so it was like, really? You're still saying the same stuff. Then I'm in office and you're still saying that stuff."

Townsend said that at another township meeting on April 18, the township supervisor Gary Marschke made an announcement saying anyone who makes comments similar to the ones made earlier about Townsend will be removed from the meeting and not be allowed back.

At that meeting, Townsend said several people came out to support her in light of what had happened earlier in the month.

Suzanna Ibarra, chair of Will County Progressives, said she has known Townsend for a few years, even before they both got involved with the Will County group. She said she was happy to show up at last week's meeting to show solidarity for Townsend. Ibarra, who is Catholic, said that not speaking up against hateful voices is like "allowing it to continue and perpetuate."

"Being silent never got anything solved," she said. "To me, silence is actually complacency, and complacency can lead to violence. Silence is violence."

The Tribune reached out to the DuPage Township Republican Organization for comment. Antonio Timothee, chair of the DuPage Township Republican Organization, said in a statement Friday that he is "repulsed and saddened by this situation."

"As an immigrant and a person of color, I understand what Trustee Townsend must be going through," Timothee's statement said. "It's disheartening to see that in this day and age, we still have to deal with ignorance and insults leveled at people because of their ethnicity. My hope is that people learn from this situation and that it does not create more division and hate. It's times like these where we must reflect on our own biases and attempt to grow as individuals for the sake of our communities. As for any person of color that one day may have the desire to run for office, this should increase your resolve."

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YOUR VOICE

We need mentors who show us how to live

By John Shaw

As the spring semester at Southern Illinois University winds down, I've been thinking about what final insights to pass on to my students. I've decided to emphasize the importance of mentors.

I think of mentors as role models who show us how to live correctly. They do so by example and instruction, however, I've found consistent example is far more persuasive and enduring than verbal instruction.

I've come to believe that life provides us with different kinds of mentors.

The daily mentors: These are the people we regularly encounter at work, school or in our community. They profoundly shape our lives. For more than 25 years, I was a reporter in the Washington bureau of Market News International, a global financial news service. Our bureau chief was a man named Denny Gulino. I never once heard him outline his philosophy of management or discuss leadership. But I did notice that he was the first to arrive at work every day and the last to leave. He assigned to himself the hardest and most thankless jobs.

Denny proclaimed to the entire company everything a staff member did well and relegated our mistakes to brief and private discussions — which he seemed to find more painful than we did. He worked tirelessly and laughed endlessly. When he retired as bureau chief, we presented him with a plaque that said simply, "Example is everything." From Denny, I learned that the best approach to management is optimism, kindness and sheer hard work.

CIA Director William Burns testifies before the House Select Committee on Intelligence in March. **CAROLYN KASTER/AP**

The middle distance mentors: These are the people we observe either casually over time or more intensely over a short period. One summer during college, I worked on a railroad crew, laying track, in my hometown of Peoria. It was the hardest job I've ever had, combining difficult physical labor with intense heat, stifling humidity and endless mosquitoes. It was a summer of misery. However, there was a middle-aged man on my crew who I can still see clearly four decades later. His name was Jose Silva. He was quiet, intelligent and proud. He was also extremely competent.

Unlike the rest of us, Jose declined opportunities to take occasional shortcuts or slack off in the shade. I'm certain he never knew the impression he made on me, but decades later, I can still recall him skillfully, even elegantly, repairing track on brutal summer afternoons at the Peoria & Pekin Union Railroad. From Jose, I learned that no task is too small for excellence, that all work provides opportunities for honorable behavior, and there is enormous dignity in doing the right thing, even when you are pretty sure no one is watching.

The glimpsed mentors: These are people we observe for a short time, but whose impact is far greater and more enduring than these brief encounters suggest. About 15 years ago, I was writing a book on former Republican Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana. For my research, I joined a delegation of about a dozen congressional staffers, reporters and senators on a trip to Russia, Ukraine and Albania. The trip was well organized from start to finish.

One enduring memory is of the American ambassador to Russia who hosted us in Moscow. He did everything right. He met our plane at the airport when we arrived and saw us off several days later at our early morning departure. He attended our meetings with Russian officials, made it a point to have conversations with each of us in the traveling delegation, and hosted receptions and briefings that were informative and welcoming. His name was William Burns. He went on to become the deputy secretary of state and is now the CIA director. From Bill (as he introduced himself), I learned that professionalism can be modest, unassuming and manifested in small gestures and tiny details.

The historical mentors: These are the people we read about in biographies and histories and whose lives are full of instruction and example. Several have been important to me: George Marshall, the solider-statesman; Eleanor Roosevelt, the formidable first lady who became a global human rights crusader; and Abraham Lincoln, the most remarkable president in American history. Of course, it's difficult to write about Lincoln without lapsing into cliché. His toughness and kindness are astonishing, as are his vision, courage, compassion, civility and effectiveness.

My fascination with Lincoln inspires me to read at least one book about him every year. As it happens, the book I'm reading this spring is "Lincoln's Mentors: The Education of a Leader" by Michael Gerhardt. Gerhardt attributes Lincoln's greatness, in significant part, to his search for, and embrace of, mentors. Lincoln, he writes, "had a handful of men to whom he turned for guidance and inspiration throughout his life. Even as a young man, Lincoln knew enough to know he needed mentors. He could not learn in isolation all the skills he needed to become a great leader."

I'm going to encourage my students to seek out mentors to help guide their careers and navigate difficult times. However, I'm also going to urge them to be on the lookout for mentors who come into their lives in unexpected places and in surprising ways.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Ignoring the Major Taylor Trail

In the Sunday Life+Travel section, there was a nice article on former railroad corridors converted into trails in the Chicago area ("Rails to trails"). Sadly, while Chicago's 606 trail is mentioned, one glaring omission is the Major Taylor Trail, an 8-mile rails-to-trail adaptation that runs from the Dan Ryan Woods to Whistler Woods on the Far South Side. The author missed this apparently because the Far South Side doesn't really exist.

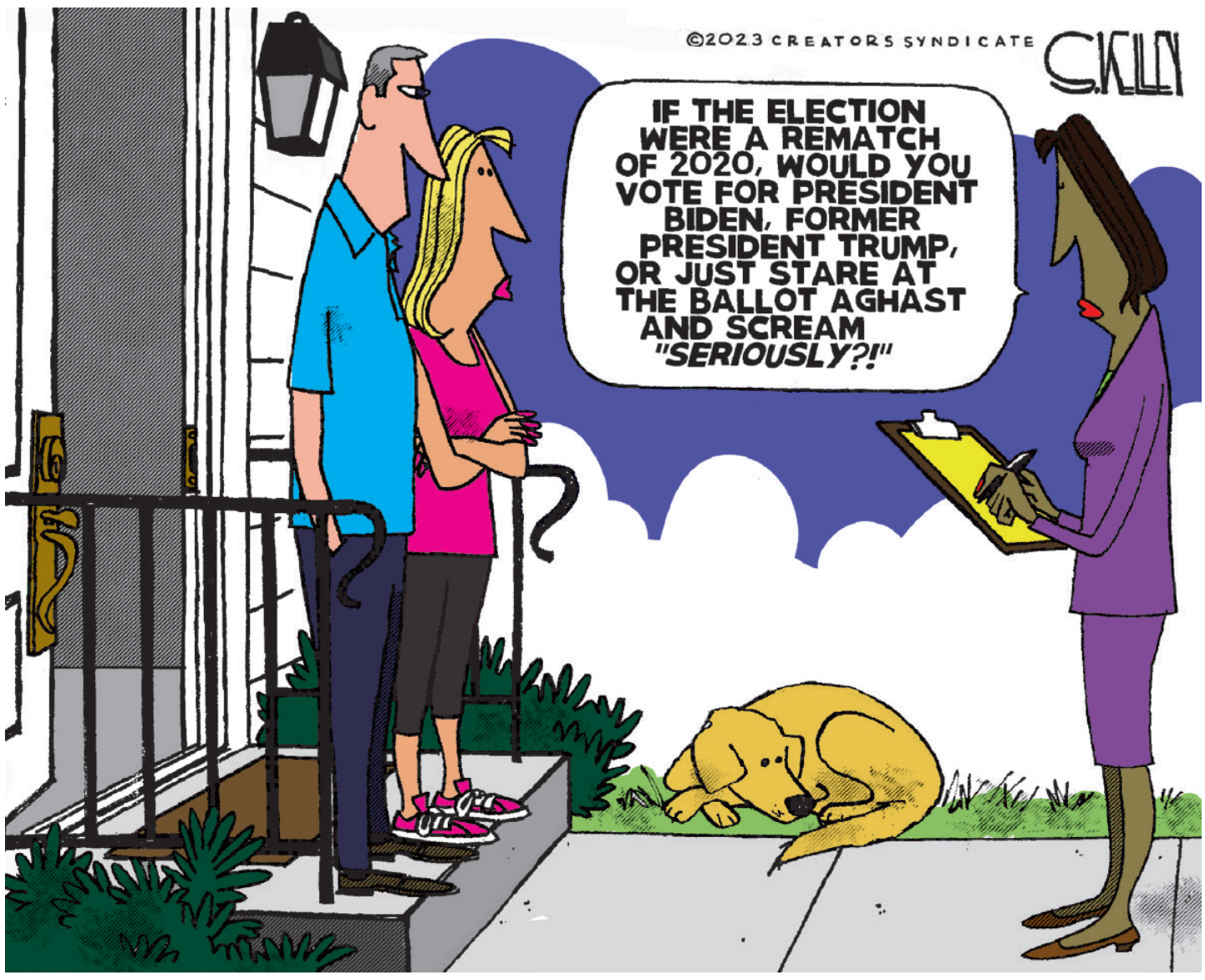
This omission is a reflection of the voluminous resources poured into The 606 trail. In fact, the Major Taylor Trail has been in existence longer than The 606 but has received only a small fraction of the investment in the 100,000 people of the surrounding areas. What is good for The 606 is good for the Major Taylor Trail. This battle continues to be fought.

The Major Taylor Trail is accessible at many points along the Chicago bike lane network and crosses Metra lines at three points. The trail also connects to the Cal-Sag Trail, which provides regional access out to Lemont and the Great American Rail Trail, which is mentioned in the article. Cyclo-tourism is an as-yet-unfulfilled promise of the Chicago area.

Readers should find out more about the Major Taylor Trail and the hero who is its namesake: Marshall Walter "Major" Taylor.

To the Tribune, let's include everyone.

— Peter Taylor, Friends of the Major Taylor Trail, Chicago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Congressman is incorrect

In response to U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi's recent letter regarding the NFL's investigation into Daniel Snyder's deplorable behavior ("NFL investigation," April 23), Krishnamoorthi states that *he* decided "that Congress had a responsibility to get involved." Unfortunately, I believe he stepped out of bounds.

The NFL is a private enterprise, and while it affects millions of Americans, it is still not a public business, and our government has no right to get involved in any way, shape or form, regardless of the egregiousness of purported acts. If laws were broken, we have state and local authorities to investigate and indict. If any people were infringed upon detrimentally, there is a legal process that can be taken in civil court.

With the overwhelming issues we have in many areas, we need our representatives to address those issues. How about the ridiculous government spending that has spiraled us into tremendous inflation? How about finding the ways and means to re-secure Social Security? How about investigating the decision-making process that led to *billions* of taxpayer dollars being wasted by leaving our military equipment behind in Afghanistan?

There are numerous concerns that the American people would want investigated. We do *not* want or need two Democratic members of Congress to bring forth investigations into private enterprises.

Spend the time and taxpayer dollars for things that we the people really need and care about.

— Dave Roberts, Frankfort

Faster ballgames are great

Implicit in Sheldon Jacobson's op-ed on the pitch clock is that slow and deliberate builds excitement ("Unintended consequences of the pitch clock in baseball," April 26). That is not my experience, and my history disputes it. I have no statistics to back this up, only my feelings and those of my friends.

In the 1980s and 1990s, several of my friends and I shared weekend and night games. Universally, we loved Greg Maddux and his fast two-hour games. Defense was always on their toes, and the game moved competently and was incredibly exciting. And, universally, we all hated Rick Sutcliffe's style: 3½ hours of boredom. He, too, was great but so slow.

I am a lifelong fan and noticed all games had drifted to the 3.5-hour mark.

I watched this season and noticed that a phrase has left my baseball lexicon: "Throw the damn ball already!" I love the game all the more now. I only wish television wouldn't show the clock. I don't need it. The pitchers do.

— Lawrence A. Szymanski, Flossmoor

Definition of criminal behavior

Arson, assault, robbery, gun use, destruction of private and public property, obstruction of public transportation: According to Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson, based on his four years of teaching middle school, these incidents downtown and at 31st Street Beach were the result of bad decisions made by young people. According to attorney and state Rep. Kam Buckner in his op-ed, that weekend's participants "may be loud and disruptive, but that's not a crime" ("It takes a village to help our teens in Chicago," April 25). My question to these gentlemen, then, is: What exactly constitutes criminal behavior in their playbook?

During his campaign, if I remember correctly, Johnson noted he had an advantage over fellow runoff candidate Paul Vallas by being familiar with the problem of crime: Johnson's is a neighborhood of violence, one where young people are "starved of opportunities in their own communities."

Is it safe to assume that Johnson's children, pictured with him on election evening, were not involved in the chaos two Saturdays ago? If they were not, would that fact have anything to do with the observations by Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Ald. Raymond Lopez and Tribune columnist Laura Washington ("Summer's already here. Brandon Johnson needs a plan and to make peace with police.," April 24) regarding the role of parental and guardian responsibilities?

The village begins there, attorney Buckner.

— Mary Stamler, Chicago

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Guns

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dangerous people from having access to firearms, including the alleged Highland Park shooter, Robert "Bobby" Crimo III.

"Everyone apparently that knew this guy knew that he shouldn't have had access to a butter knife, much less a firearm," Sigale said.

"We have to do better in making sure that the people who are threats, that we take steps to limit their access that doesn't involve taking away the rights of everybody."

Despite the ruling, "the (governor's) administration is confident that as the case continues, this critical public safety law will ultimately be upheld as constitutional," Pritzker spokeswoman Olivia Kuncio said in a statement.

Democratic Attorney General Kwame Raoul plans to appeal McGlynn's ruling, spokeswoman Jamey Dunn-Thomason said in a statement.

The ruling comes three days after U.S. District Judge Lindsay Jenkins declined to issue an injunction in a similar case in the Chicago-based Northern District.

In that case, Jenkins, appointed last year by President Joe Biden, found that Chicago emergency room physician Javier Herrera failed to show the law created any harm that would "outweigh the overwhelming interest in public safety" and justify an injunction.

Herrera has appealed to the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Another federal judge in Chicago made a similar ruling in a previous lawsuit a Naperville gun shop owner brought that challenges both a local ban and the state law.

The 7th Circuit upheld that ruling, and the gun shop owner intends to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Given the conflicting court decisions, the real-world implications of Friday's ruling were not immediately clear.

The Illinois Supreme Court, meanwhile, is set to hear oral arguments on May 16 in a lawsuit challenging the law at the state level.

State Rep. Bob Morgan, a Deerfield Democrat who was marching in the Highland Park parade when the shooting occurred and sponsored the measure in the Illinois House, noted Friday's ruling does not apply to the law's ban on rapid-fire devices known as "switches," or to another provision extending the length of firearm restraining orders that can be used to take guns away from people who are a danger to themselves or others.

Like Pritzker, Morgan was optimistic that the law will be upheld on appeal.

"Since its enactment, this law has already prevented the sales of thousands of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines in Illinois, making Illinois communities safer for families," Morgan said in a statement. "This is necessary and life-saving legislation."

In addition to the Illinois State Rifle Association, the National Shooting Sports Foundation also is a plaintiff in the federal case before McGlynn in the Southern District.

The lawsuits lean heavily on the case of New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen, in which the Supreme Court found that the "plain text" of the Second Amendment protected the rights of the plaintiffs to carry guns for self-defense.

The ruling last year also established a new constitutional standard holding that gun laws today shall be historically consistent with laws on the books in the 18th century, when the Second Amendment was codified.

In McGlynn's courtroom earlier this month, Erin Murphy, a lawyer for the National Shooting Sports Foundation, argued the state's ban on many semi-automatic guns — in which each round requires a trigger pull — is too broad because it prohibits guns that are commonly used by law-abiding citizens. Murphy cited Bruen when arguing "the historical tradition test is what is in common use today."

Meanwhile, Christopher Wells, a lawyer representing the Illinois attorney general's office, which is defending the ban, argued before McGlynn that the case law cited by Murphy and lawyers for the other plaintiffs did not meet the burden to strike down the weapons ban.

Wells sought to compare military-use rifles, like M-16s, with AR-15s, which are subject to Illinois' gun ban and have been blamed on many mass shootings in the U.S., and argued there isn't much "functional difference" between the two weapons.

In weighing the entirety of the arguments from both sides, in his 29-page ruling, McGlynn asked: "Can the senseless crimes of a relative few be so despicable to justify the infringement of the constitutional rights of law-abiding individuals in hopes that such crimes will then abate or, at least, not be as horrific? More specifically, can (the state law) be harmonized with the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and with Bruen?"

He concluded, "The simple answer at this stage in the proceedings is 'likely no.' "

Citing case law, McGlynn also found unpersuasive arguments made by the attorney general's office that various accessories subject to the ban, such as detachable magazines capable of holding more than 15 rounds of ammunition, are "non-essential" and should not be considered as "arms" protected by the Second Amendment.

"It is hard to imagine something more closely correlated to the right to use a firearm in self-defense than the ability to effectively load ammunition into the firearm," McGlynn's opinion said.

McGlynn also didn't find persuasive the attorney general's argument that the weapons ban was consistent with Bruen's historical tradition clause in that "neither large capacity magazine nor assault weapons were in common use" when the Second Amendment was ratified.

"This argument is 'bordering on the frivolous' because 'the Second Amendment (extends) ... to all instruments that constitute bearable arms, even those that were not in existence at the time of the founding,'" according to McGlynn's opinion, citing a 2008 U.S. Supreme Court decision that ruled the Second Amendment establishes the right to own a handgun for personal self-defense, not only as part of a state militia.

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In 1899 jazz legend Duke Ellington was born in Washington.

In 1901 Hirohito, Japan's longest-reigning monarch, was born in Tokyo.

In 1916 the Easter Rising in Dublin collapsed as Irish nationalists surrendered to British authorities.

In 1933 country singer Willie Nelson was born in Abbott, Texas.

In 1936 conductor Zubin Mehta was born in Bombay.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp; the same day, Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun and designated Adm. Karl Doenitz his successor.

In 1946 28 former Japanese leaders were indicted as war criminals.

In 1951, racing champion Dale Earnhardt was born in Kannapolis, N.C,

In 1974 President Richard Nixon announced he was releasing edited transcripts of some secretly made White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

In 1981 truck driver Peter Sutcliffe admitted in a London court to being the "Yorkshire Ripper," the killer of 13 women in northern England during a five-year period.

In 1983 Harold Washington was sworn in as the first African-American mayor of Chicago.

In 1992 riots erupted in Los Angeles after a suburban jury acquitted four police officers on charges of assault and excessive force in the videotaped beating of unarmed motorist Rodney King. (Eventually, 54 deaths and $1 billion damage would be attributed to the riots.)

In 1995 rescue workers in Oklahoma City continued the grim task of searching for bodies and pulling debris from the bombed-out Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, where the remains of more than 120 of the 168 victims had been recovered.

In 1996 former CIA Director William Colby was presumed drowned by authorities in Maryland after an apparent boating accident; his body was later recovered.

In 1997 a worldwide treaty to ban chemical weapons went into effect. Also in 1997 Mike Royko, Chicago columnist for 34 years whose work had appeared in the Tribune since 1984 and was syndicated to 800 newspapers, died at Northwestern Memorial Hospital; he was 64.

In 2000 Lennox Lewis knocked out Michael Grant in the second round at Madison Square Garden in New York to retain his WBC and IBF heavyweight titles.

In 2002, a year after the loss of a seat it had held for more than 50 years, the United States won election to the U.N. Human Rights Commission.

In 2011 Britain's Prince William married Catherine Elizabeth Middleton in Westminster Abbey before 1,900 guests. William's grandmother, Queen Elizabeth, dubbed the couple the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

In 2013 Jason Collins, a 34-year-old NBA center, revealed he is gay, the first active athlete in one of America's four major sports to come out.

In 2017 the annual White House Correspondents' Dinner in Washington lacked the glitter of past years as President Donald Trump marked his first 100 days in office with a campaign-style rally in Harrisburg, Penn., instead. Also in 2017 thousands of people across the U.S., including in Chicago, marched to demand action on climate change and decrying the Republican president's agenda of rolling back environmental protections.

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Anita Cohen (nee Aizenstein), 90, April 25, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Allan Cohen; loving mother of Ila (Tim) Brouder and the late Ira (Debra); cherished grandmother of Kevin (Stephanie) and Bryan Brouder; much loved sister-in-law to Larry & Brenda Cohen, Shirley (the late Solomon), Francis (the late Joseph), and preceded in death by her parents Iser and Jaya Aizenstein, sisters Luba (Johnny), Judith (Paul), Lois (Bernard), and brother Max; treasured aunt, cousin and friend of many. Anita will be remembered for her warmth, joy and kindness and devotion to family and friends. Anita loved spending time with family and friends, traveling and gardening. In lieu of flowers, please carry on Anita's tradition by planting flowers this spring or donating to a charity of your choice. Chapel service Sunday, 10 AM, April 30, at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. For the link to view the service, shiva information or to leave condolences: www.shalommemorial.org or 847-255-3520

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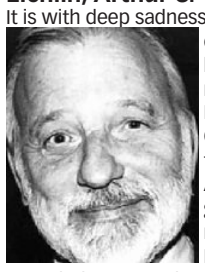
Eichlin, Arthur S.
It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Arthur S. Eichlin at his home on April 22, 2023, surrounded by his family.



Dr. Eichlin was born in Chicago on Aug. 27, 1935, to Arthur and Irma Eichlin. Art had an idyllic childhood, growing up in the Chicago neighborhood of Norwood Park as an only child. He attended Norwood Park Elementary school and, after graduation from Taft High school, he attended Northwestern University before transferring to the University of California Berkeley and graduating with a degree in Journalism. He was then drafted into the Army and served in counterintelligence during the only time our country wasn't at war (between the Korean and Vietnam wars). When he returned to civilian life, he became Luther League advisor at his beloved Norwood Park Lutheran Church, where he met Marian Heinz. They were married in 1968 and celebrated their 55th anniversary two days prior to his death.

Art worked as an administrator for Kiwanis International, working with youth in their Key Clubs and, later, for Rotary International, administering their foreign student exchange program. Immediately after his engagement to Marian, he headed to Nice, France, for six months (during the worst snowstorm ever in Chicago), to help set up the Rotary International conference, which was attended by thousands of people from around the world. Speaking no French, he tried to get by with his limited German. Later on, because of his extensive involvement with youth programs, he decided to return to college and subsequently earned his Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling, and Doctor of Philosophy degree in the History of Education from Loyola University of Chicago. He began his career as an Assistant Dean of Students at Loyola's Water Tower campus, moving on to becoming Dean of Students at St. Xavier University on the south side of Chicago.

In 1976, Art moved to his family to Caldwell, Idaho (pop. 17,000) to serve as the Dean of Students at the College of Idaho, a small Presbyterian college. In 1981, the family moved to Boise, where Art began working in adult education administration at Boise State University. Four years later, they made a bigger move to Billings, Montana, where he served as Continuing Education/Summer Session Director at Montana State University-Billings until his retirement in 1997. After trying out various jobs and activities to fill his free time, including working at Lutheran Social Services, he began volunteering in the Mansfield Center Medical Library at St. Vincent's Healthcare. They quickly hired him in a regular part-time position in Guest Services there, which he thoroughly enjoyed for the next 11 years.

Church membership was always the center of Art's life. At a young age, he was found following the pastor around at the church picnic. He was youth advisor for many years, taught Sunday School, served on church councils and many committees. He was known for his deep, melodic voice, and he often put it to good use as a lector in church.

Art loved history and his house was filled with World War II and Civil War books. He also loved trains. Art was an avid Chicago Cubs and Green Bay Packers fan. Many thanks to Terry Knapp (Henderson, Nevada), who was such a faithful friend, calling Art several times a week during his long illness, despite their longstanding Bears/Packers feud. The other love of his life was his cat, Mulligan.

He is survived by his wife, Marian; and his son, Daniel (Rebecca Summers). Also surviving are his sister-in-law, Barbara (Ron) Olle (West Chicago, Illinois); his brother-in-law, Martin Heinz (Billings); and his cousin, Linda Northwick (Georgetown, Texas).

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at American Lutheran Church, 5 Lewis Ave.

Donations to honor Art's life may be made to American Lutheran Church or The Nature Conservancy of Montana, 32 S. Ewing St., Helena, MT 59601.

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Fishbein, Debra

Debra "Mom, Grammy, Debbie" Fishbein, nee Dissen, 77, of Northbrook, IL passed away on April 28, 2023 after her fourth courageous battle with cancer over the last 38 years. Debbie was born on March 13, 1946 in Chicago and was the third daughter of the late Benjamin and Ruthe Dissen. Debbie met her husband Kenny in the fall of 1959, during her freshman year at Senn High School. They went on their first date on April 2, 1960. From that moment on, their fate was sealed and a beautiful life together began to unfold. The high school sweethearts married in 1965 when she was 19 years old and Kenny was 20. Shortly after, Debbie and Kenny were quick to start a family. By the age of 27 years old, Debbie was a busy and devoted mother of four sons. In her younger years, Debbie relished her role of being a mother. She never missed a ball game, a golf match or any other activity her boys were involved in. As a proud and involved grandmother of five grandsons and three granddaughters, she resumed her role in the stands, on the golf cart and excitedly attended dance recitals and school performances. A selfless and true matriarch, there was nothing more important to Debbie than Kenny, her boys and their growing families. Debbie and Kenny were fortunate enough to be able to take all 8 of their grandchildren on trips to anywhere in the world prior to each of them entering high school. These trips created everlasting memories for them and their grandchildren. These travels included trips to Europe, Japan, China, New York City, Pebble Beach and even a deep sea fishing trip in south Florida. Debbie was small in stature but a warrior within, especially when it came to her family and those she deeply cared about. She had a deep-rooted need to protect, nurture and love her family and friends. True to her character, even throughout her own challenges, others were always her priority. Described as the most selfless, caring person one could know, Debbie made everyone feel special and heard. Her unwavering kindness extended to the closest of friends and to mere acquaintances. She treated everyone the same. She was an inherent giver on every level. Her thoughtfulness was felt and seen in the largest and smallest of ways. Debbie is survived by Kenny, her soulmate and devoted husband of 57 years. She was the beloved and revered mother of David (Mariann), Jeffrey (Sharyl), Daniel (Stacey) and Jimmy. Grammy is also survived by her eight "angels from heaven" as she called them: her grandchildren, Jacob, Sami, Noah, Isabel, Bennett, Carly, Eli and Billy. Debbie is also survived by her older sister, Jackie Steiner and the late Lynn "Cissy" Bernstein. Debbie was also the loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. An incredible friend to all, Debbie will be greatly missed by her close circle of friends, including her oldest and dearest friend in the world, Arlyn Goodman. Funeral service Monday, May 1, 1 PM at Congregation BJBE, 1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL 60015. Interment to follow at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. A celebration of Debbie's life will follow interment at Twin Orchard Country Club, 22353 Old McHenry Rd, Long Grove, IL 60047 until 9 p.m. and on Tuesday, May 2 from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Rolfe Pancreatic Cancer Foundation (give.rolfefoundation.org/give/349387/#!/donation/checkout?c_src=RolfeHeaderButton). For info: 847-256-5700

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Holly, Geraldine 'Geri'

Of St. Petersburg Florida, formerly of Rolling Meadows and Melrose Park Illinois died peacefully surrounded by family on April 26, 2023.
Beloved daughter of the late Jerome and Jane Holly, dearest sister of the late Diane (Gerald) Lock, the late Judy (Joey) Torchia, the late Ronald Holesovsky, Art (Rita) Holly, and Barbara (Jeff) Boehler. An awesome Aunt to nine nieces and nephews and great Aunt to thirteen nieces and nephews. Geri was an avid scrabble player, loved to spend her time at the beach or her condominium pool and fiercely loved her family and many friends.

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D**ate: April 19, 2023**
Under the Assumed Name of: **Pleasantly Bewildered**
with the business located at:
1150 Nottingham Ln
Elgin, IL, 60120
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Kimberly Lloyd**
1150 Nottingham Ln
Elgin, IL, 60120
4/22, 4/29 & 5/6/2023 7420869

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The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

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Application Filing Period: April 28, 2023 through May 12, 2023. **Examination Date:** June 10, 2023. **Location:** Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Associate Process Control Engineer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under general supervision, provides engineering services for the design, construction, improvement, modernization and maintenance for process instrumentation and computer control systems for water reclamation plants, pumping stations, and flood control reservoirs.
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To Patrons of The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company:

The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company hereby gives notice to the public that it has filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission, pursuant to the Commission's order in Docket 22-0642, dated October 27, 2022, evidence relating to the reconciliation of revenues arising and costs recoverable under Rider 2 of its Schedule of Rates (Ill.C.C. No. 28) for Gas Service in Chicago, Illinois.

A copy of the filed evidence may be inspected by any interested party at any business office of this Company.

All parties interested in this matter may obtain information with respect thereto either directly from this Company or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

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By Theodore Eidukas
Vice President – Regulatory Affairs
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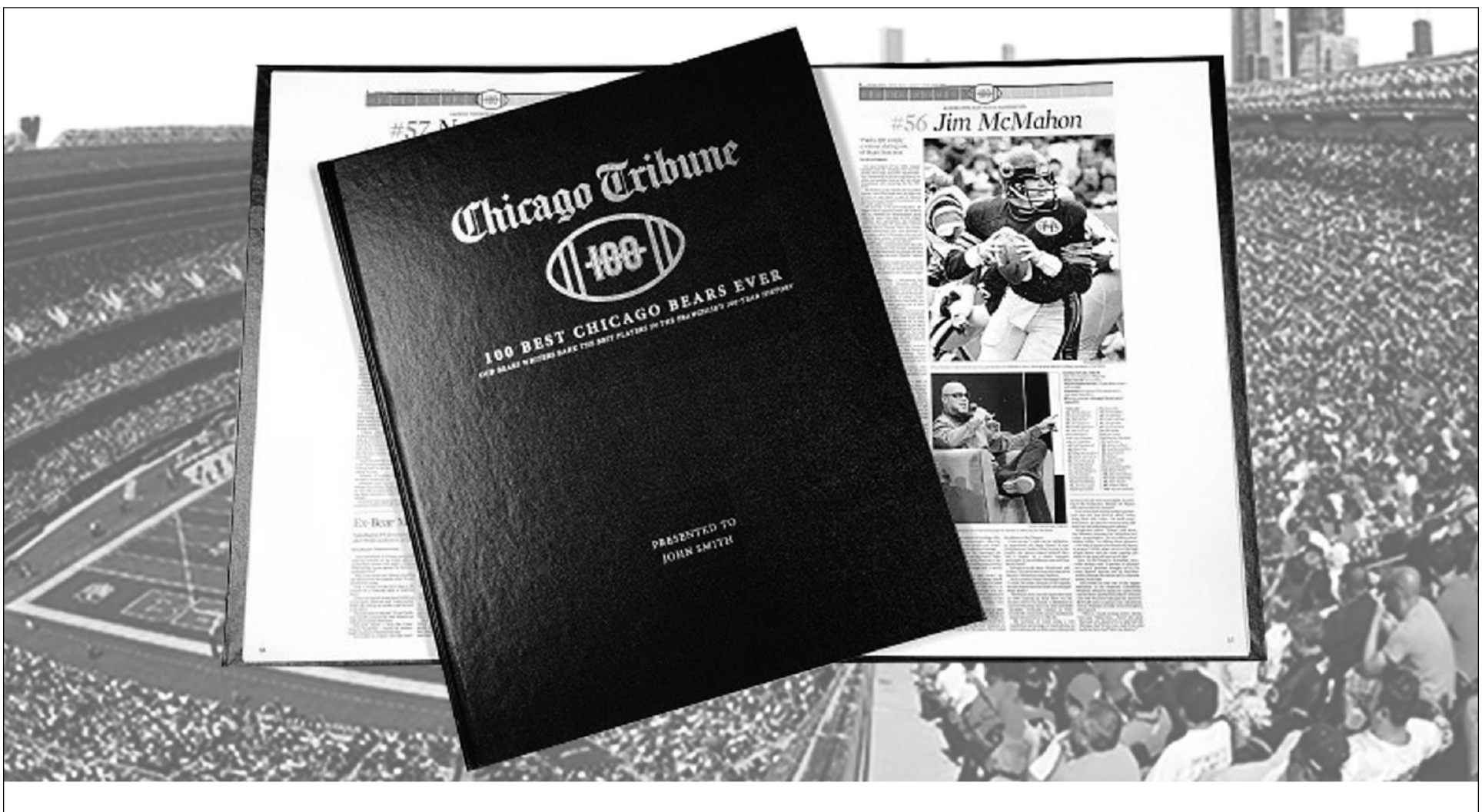

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Meteorologists Larry Mowry, Cheryl Scott, Jaisol Martinez, Tracy Butler and Greg Dutra

ABC7 Outlook: Mainly cloudy with showers mainly between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Highs in the mid- to upper 50s. Breezy at times.

	Day	Night
SATURDAY	High: **54**	Low: **41**
	Mostly cloudy, showers; breezy in the p.m.	
	POP: **90%**	
	Winds: **SW 8-16 mph**	
SUNDAY	High: **48**	Low: **39**
	Mostly cloudy and chilly with a shower	
	POP: **60%**	
	Winds: **W 10-20 mph**	
MONDAY	High: **45**	Low: **41**
	Cloudy, breezy and cold with showers	
	POP: **90%**	
	Winds: **WNW 12-25 mph**	
TUESDAY	High: **49**	Low: **40**
	Mostly cloudy, breezy and chilly	
	POP: **25%**	
	Winds: **NNR 12-25 mph**	
WEDNESDAY	High: **53**	Low: **43**
	Clearing, breezy and warmer	
	POP: **10%**	
	Winds: **SSW 10-20 mph**	
THURSDAY	High: **60**	Low: **44**
	Some sun, then turning cloudy	
	POP: **25%**	
	Winds: **SW 6-12 mph**	

CHICAGO FORECAST

Saturday Conditions

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™						
1	1	2	2	1	1	0
RealFeel Temperature®						
45	53	52	49	47	41	41

Saturday Activities

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Golfing Index						
6	8	0	0	0	0	2
Fishing Index						
3	5	5	5	2	0	2

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Friday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	63
Low	45
Normal high	64
Normal low	45
Record high	86 (1915)
Record low	28 (1992)

Local Temperatures
through 6 p.m. Friday

Location	Hi	Lo	Normal Hi	Normal Lo
Aurora	66	45	65	42
Gary	52	47	64	45
Kankakee	65	47	66	44
Lansing	55	48	64	44
Midway	60	49	65	46
Romeoville	65	47	66	44
Valparaiso	57	46	67	44
Waukegan	60	39	60	40

Friday Precipitation

	2023	2022	Normal
Friday*	0.00"	Trace	0.15"
Month to date	1.73"	3.73"	3.45"
Year to date	11.96"	10.88"	9.86"

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Friday

Pollen as of 4/21

Trees	Grass	Weeds	Mold
Moderate	Absent	Absent	Low

Source: National Allergy Bureau

Air Quality Index

Friday's reading: **Moderate**

Saturday's forecast: **Good**

Primary pollutant: **Particulates**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

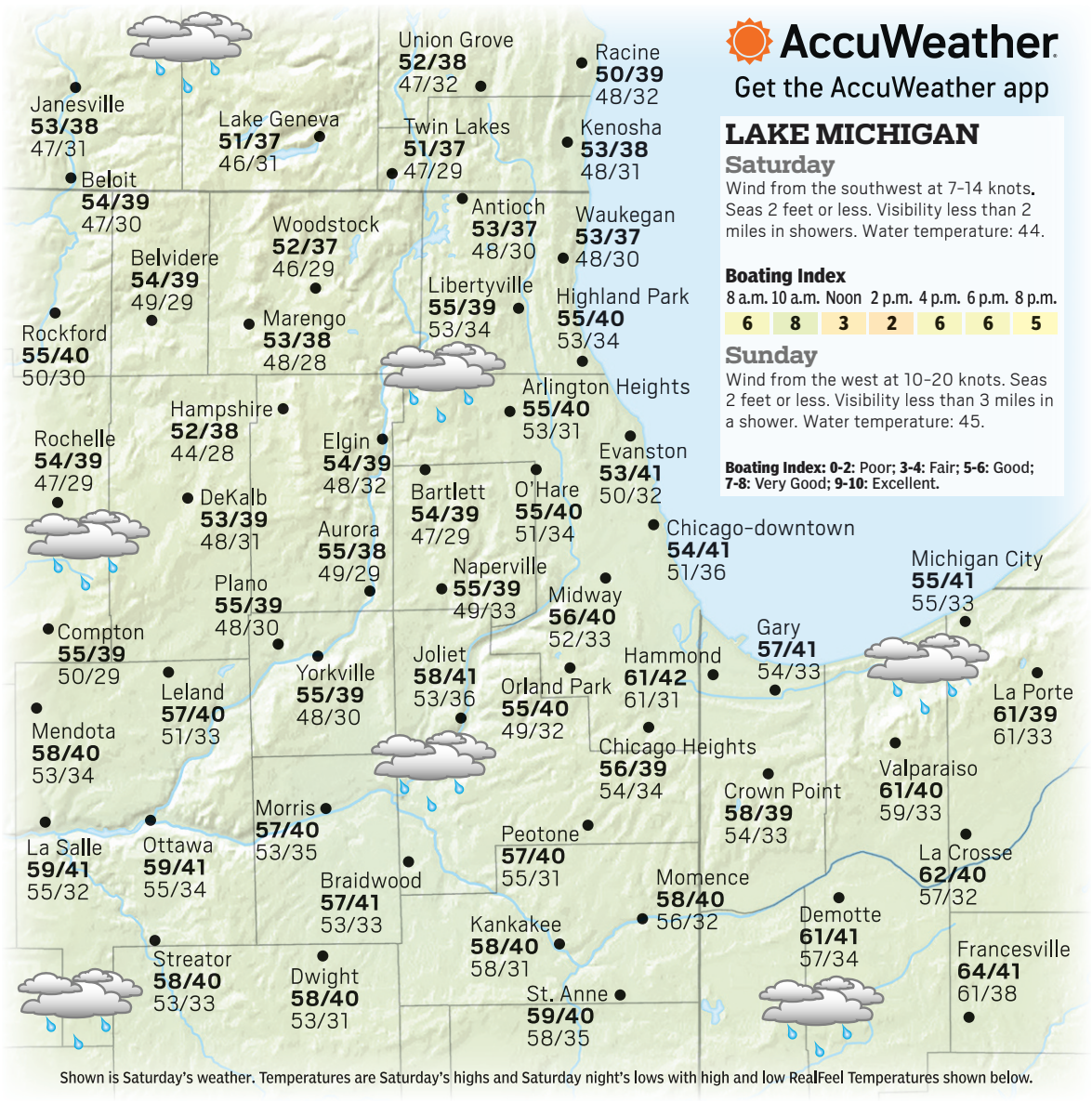
	Sat.	Sun.
Sunrise	5:50 a.m.	5:49 a.m.
Sunset	7:47 p.m.	7:48 p.m.
Moonrise	1:37 p.m.	2:40 p.m.
Moonset	3:25 a.m.	3:48 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
May 5	May 12	May 19	May 27

Saturday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:54 a.m.	8:07 p.m.
Venus	7:57 a.m.	11:28 p.m.
Mars	10:03 a.m.	1:18 a.m.
Jupiter	5:23 a.m.	6:35 p.m.
Saturn	3:28 a.m.	2:15 p.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 8:15 p.m. Mars: 8:15 p.m. Jupiter: not visible Saturn: 5:20 a.m. Mercury: not visible



Shown is Saturday's weather. Temperatures are Saturday's highs and Saturday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

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Saturday

Wind from the southwest at 7-14 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility less than 2 miles in showers. Water temperature: 44.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
6	8	3	2	6	6	5

Sunday

Wind from the west at 10-20 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility less than 3 miles in a shower. Water temperature: 45.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

Jaisol Martinez

QUESTION: How many times did Chicago see snow this month?

ANSWER: There were three days that Chicago-O'Hare reported a trace of snow and two days with measurable snow this month. The days with a "trace" of snow were April 4, April 16 and April 25. The measurable snowfall fell on April 17 with 0.4 of an inch and April 22 with 0.1 of an inch. On average, Chicago receives 1.3 inches of snow in April.

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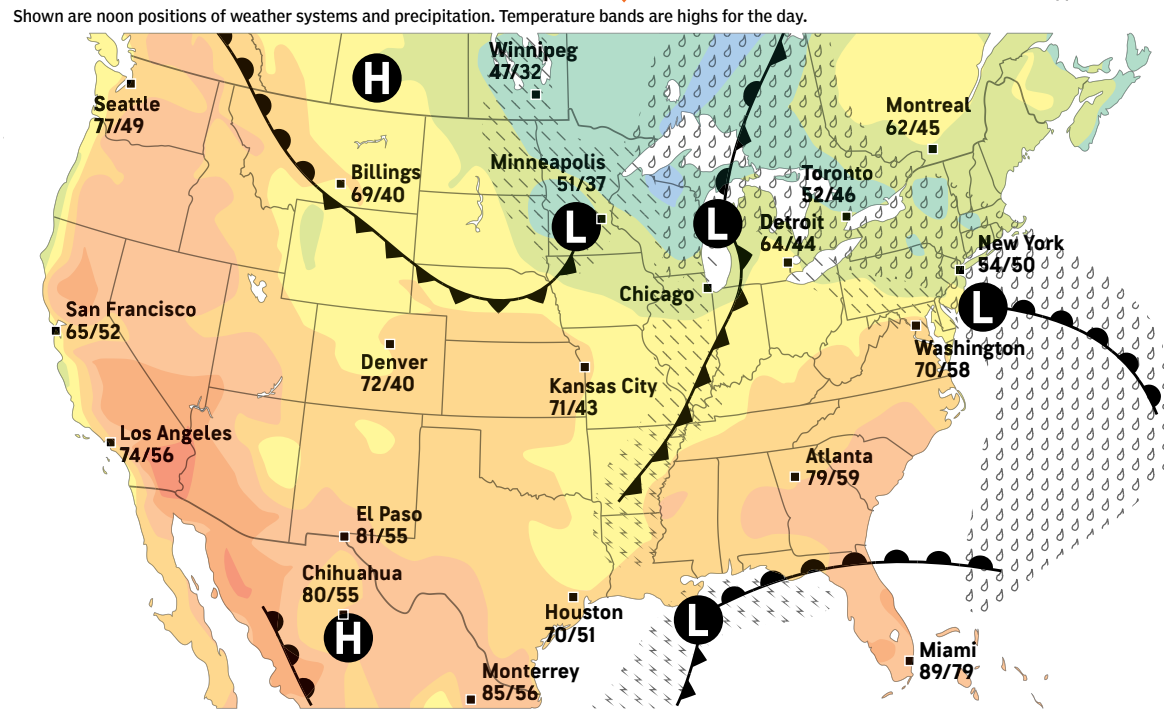
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



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City	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	68/47/c	61/42/pc
Champaign	63/41/sh	54/38/pc
Decatur	61/43/sh	56/41/c
Moline	60/41/sh	52/40/pc
Peoria	62/41/sh	52/39/c
Quincy	65/42/pc	55/42/c
Rockford	55/40/sh	45/40/pc
Springfield	63/41/sh	56/43/c
Sterling	57/40/sh	49/39/pc
Indiana		
Bloomington	66/43/c	55/42/c
Evansville	68/46/pc	59/44/pc
Fort Wayne	64/41/r	52/38/pc
Indianapolis	65/42/sh	53/39/c
Lafayette	67/44/sh	54/41/c
South Bend	63/40/r	48/37/c
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	48/37/r	42/36/c
Kenosha	53/38/sh	47/38/c
La Crosse	51/39/sh	44/38/c
Madison	51/37/sh	44/36/c
Milwaukee	52/40/r	45/38/c
Wausau	44/35/r	41/34/c
Michigan		
Detroit	64/44/sh	56/40/sh
Grand Rapids	59/39/r	48/36/sh
Marquette	42/33/sn	38/32/c
Sault Ste. Marie	48/39/r	50/37/r
Traverse City	58/38/r	45/36/sh
Iowa		
Ames	57/40/sh	53/38/pc
Cedar Rapids	56/37/sh	47/38/pc
Des Moines	58/40/sh	54/39/pc
Dubuque	53/37/sh	44/35/pc

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	76/51/pc	90/56/s
Albany, NY	54/46/r	58/49/r
Albuquerque	77/52/s	83/53/s
Amarillo	74/45/s	78/45/s
Anchorage	45/33/pc	51/34/s
Asheville	74/54/pc	63/40/r
Aspen	60/35/s	62/35/pc
Atlanta	79/59/pc	70/48/t
Atlantic City	60/54/r	63/54/r
Austin	75/49/pc	87/55/s
Baltimore	67/57/r	66/49/r
Billings	69/40/pc	68/40/s
Birmingham	78/57/pc	72/46/c
Bismarck	60/33/s	56/28/s
Boise	85/54/pc	88/55/s
Boston	54/47/r	55/52/r
Brownsville	85/54/t	88/66/s
Buffalo	58/50/r	57/43/r
Burlington, VT	60/48/c	56/51/c
Charleston, SC	84/67/pc	79/57/t
Charleston, WV	70/52/c	61/43/r
Charlotte	80/60/pc	72/47/r
Chattanooga	78/57/c	72/45/r
Cheyenne	67/38/pc	61/36/pc
Cincinnati	66/47/pc	57/41/sh
Cleveland	63/48/sh	55/40/r
Colorado Spgs	69/43/s	65/42/s
Columbia, MO	68/44/pc	57/41/pc
Columbia, SC	84/63/pc	76/52/t
Columbus, OH	66/49/c	59/41/sh
Concord	59/45/c	51/47/r
Corpus Christi	80/51/c	86/67/s
Dallas	72/53/pc	79/57/s
Daytona Beach	86/71/t	81/63/t
Denver	72/40/s	67/39/pc
Duluth	48/33/c	42/33/sn
El Paso	81/55/s	93/66/s
Fairbanks	50/35/pc	48/30/pc
Fargo	50/35/sh	53/31/pc
Flagstaff	76/33/s	75/40/s
Fort Myers	90/75/c	82/66/r
Fort Smith	70/48/pc	70/43/s
Fresno	94/63/s	88/52/pc
Grand Junction	75/46/s	77/51/pc
Great Falls	70/39/pc	73/42/s
Harrisburg	59/52/r	61/49/r
Hartford	54/48/r	60/55/r
Helena, MT	76/43/pc	78/46/pc
Honolulu	83/75/sh	85/75/sh
Houston	70/51/t	85/61/s
Int'l Falls	48/33/c	47/30/sn
Jackson, MS	75/54/t	74/53/c
Jacksonville	83/66/t	82/57/t
Juneau	59/45/c	53/39/c
Kansas City	71/43/pc	62/39/s
Las Vegas	95/71/s	95/70/s
Lexington	65/47/pc	58/43/sh
Lincoln	70/40/s	59/36/s
Little Rock	68/49/t	72/44/pc
Los Angeles	74/56/pc	74/57/pc
Louisville	69/50/pc	59/45/sh
Macon	83/62/t	76/48/t
Memphis	67/52/sh	66/47/pc
Miami	89/79/pc	84/70/t
Minneapolis	51/37/sh	46/37/c
Mobile	75/55/t	77/52/c
Montgomery	82/60/t	77/48/c
Nashville	72/53/c	66/45/c
New Orleans	75/61/t	79/60/c
New York City	54/50/r	60/52/r
Norfolk	74/62/c	72/55/t
Oklahoma City	70/46/pc	70/47/s
Omaha	67/42/s	58/39/pc
Orlando	85/71/t	80/65/t
Palm Beach	89/77/t	85/68/t
Palm Springs	104/73/s	102/67/pc
Philadelphia	59/52/r	65/51/r
Phoenix	100/70/s	100/73/s
Pittsburgh	63/51/sh	57/38/r
Portland, ME	56/44/c	49/46/r
Portland, OR	80/50/s	62/48/c
Providence	56/49/r	59/54/r
Raleigh	79/62/pc	71/47/t
Rapid City	63/32/pc	57/30/s
Reno	84/50/s	78/48/pc
Richmond	78/60/pc	69/50/r
Rochester	57/49/r	59/44/r
Sacramento	88/52/s	77/47/pc
St. Louis	66/45/sh	61/45/pc
Salem, OR	79/48/pc	61/47/c
Salt Lake City	77/54/s	82/61/s
San Antonio	78/51/pc	86/57/s
San Diego	69/60/pc	67/59/pc
San Francisco	65/52/pc	63/52/pc
San Juan	85/74/pc	88/75/pc
Santa Fe	72/41/s	77/44/s
Savannah	84/65/t	76/57/t
Seattle	77/49/s	61/48/c
Shreveport	66/50/t	79/54/pc
Sioux Falls	57/38/pc	53/36/pc
Spokane	80/53/s	83/49/pc
Syracuse	55/49/r	60/47/r
Tallahassee	78/62/t	81/55/t
Tampa	85/73/t	80/69/t
Topeka	73/42/s	63/38/s
Tucson	97/63/s	98/67/s
Tulsa	72/47/pc	72/43/s
Washington, DC	70/58/r	67/51/r
Wichita	74/43/s	66/39/s
Wilkes-Barre	56/50/r	62/44/r
Yuma	103/72/s	102/68/pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	86/71/pc	89/70/s
Algiers	85/63/c	78/59/pc
Amsterdam	59/42/pc	63/44/c
Ankara	51/30/r	54/30/pc
Athens	66/53/s	66/56/pc
Auckland	67/61/pc	68/64/r
Baghdad	89/64/pc	85/62/pc
Bangkok	97/82/t	94/80/t
Barbados	88/78/pc	88/78/pc
Barcelona	71/60/t	71/61/pc
Beijing	77/48/s	79/50/s
Beirut	66/57/sh	70/57/pc
Berlin	60/42/sh	59/38/s
Bermuda	71/68/r	75/71/c
Bogota	65/49/r	68/48/t
Brussels	58/43/pc	64/46/c
Bucharest	63/40/pc	68/46/pc
Budapest	62/46/t	67/45/t
Bueno Aires	76/68/s	74/53/r
Cairo	74/57/s	76/59/s
Cancun	90/75/pc	86/65/t
Caracas	89/75/t	90/75/t
Casablanca	84/61/pc	80/55/pc
Copenhagen	57/38/pc	53/40/pc
Dublin	60/48/c	62/45/sh
Edmonton	67/44/c	71/45/pc
Frankfurt	62/47/pc	67/46/c
Geneva	67/52/r	62/49/r
Guadalajara	89/53/s	89/53/c
Havana	91/77/s	87/69/t
Helsinki	51/38/c	47/31/sh
Hong Kong	81/69/c	79/71/t
Istanbul	60/44/pc	61/48/pc
Jerusalem	59/47/sh	63/47/pc
Johannesburg	78/56/s	77/53/s
Kabul	73/51/c	74/52/s
Kingston	89/80/pc	90/80/pc
Kyiv	59/40/pc	59/45/pc
Lima	79/70/pc	79/69/pc
Lisbon	75/58/pc	78/56/pc
London	66/46/c	66/48/c
Madrid	79/53/pc	78/49/pc
Manila	95/80/t	95/81/pc
Mexico City	83/50/s	82/54/s
Monterrey	85/56/s	89/61/s
Montreal	62/45/c	54/48/c
Moscow	57/38/s	60/41/c
Munich	64/45/c	62/44/c
Nairobi	73/61/t	75/60/t
Nassau	89/77/t	89/75/t
New Delhi	92/73/s	88/70/t
Oslo	54/31/sh	54/32/pc
Ottawa	56/43/r	54/47/c
Panama City	89/74/t	87/75/t
Paris	66/48/pc	64/50/c
Prague	61/46/t	60/38/c
Rio de Janeiro	79/71/r	80/72/t
Riyadh	100/70/s	101/71/s
Rome	69/56/pc	70/57/sh
Santiago	59/52/r	59/39/c
Seoul	63/45/sh	65/44/s
Singapore	89/78/r	88/78/r
Sofia	58/45/pc	64/43/pc
Stockholm	48/30/sh	50/29/pc
Sydney	67/58/t	68/54/t
Taipei	89/62/t	68/63/sh
Tehran	84/67/s	84/65/t
Tokyo	73/66/c	76/61/r
Toronto	52/46/r	52/39/r
Trinidad	89/78/pc	88/77/pc
Vancouver	69/50/s	58/48/c
Vienna	66/49/t	64/42/pc
Warsaw	60/47/pc	61/36/s
Winnipeg	47/32/sh	54/30/c

Weather(W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice. **POP:** Probability of Precipitation.

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BUSINESS

Fed faults both itself, SVB for bank's March collapse

By Christopher Rugaber and Ken Sweet
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve blamed last month's collapse of Silicon Valley Bank on poor management, watered-down regulations and lax oversight by its own staffers, and said the industry needs stricter policing on multiple fronts to prevent future bank failures.

The Fed was highly critical of its own role in the bank's failure in a report released Friday.

The report, compiled by Michael Barr, the Fed's chief regulator, says banking supervisors were slow to recognize blossoming problems at Silicon Valley Bank as it grew in size in the years leading up to its collapse. The report also points out underlying cultural issues at the Fed, where supervisors were unwilling to be hard on bank management when they saw problems.

Those cultural issues stemmed from legislation passed in 2018 that sought to lighten regulation for banks with less than $250 billion in assets, the report concluded. The Fed also weakened its own rules the following year, which exempted banks below that threshold from stress tests and other regulations. Both Silicon Valley Bank and New York-based Signature Bank, which also failed last month, had assets below that level.

The changes increased the burden on regulators to justify the need for supervisory action, the report said. "In some cases, the changes also led to slower action by supervisory staff and a reluctance to escalate issues."

Separate reports also released Friday by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, also faulted the Fed and other regulators for a lack of urgency regarding SVB's deficiencies. About 95% of its deposits exceeded the FDIC's insurance cap and its deposits were concentrated in the technology industry, making the bank vulnerable to a panic.

The FDIC's report concerned the failure of Signature Bank on March 12 and the problems that led to its collapse: the bank's exposure to cryptocurrencies and an over-reliance on uninsured deposits. The FDIC also found that Signature Bank's failure was also likely fallout from the failure of Silicon Valley Bank.

But the FDIC found its own regulatory deficiencies, notably insufficient staffing to adequately supervise Signature Bank, which was based in New York. The agency also took a light-handed approach to regulation, the report found. "The FDIC could have been more forward-looking and forceful in its supervision," the FDIC said in its report.

In its report, the Fed said it plans to reexamine how it regulates larger regional banks such as SVB, which had more than $200 billion in assets when it failed, but less than the $250 billion threshold for greater regulation.

Banking policy analysts said the critical reports make it more likely regulation will be tightened, though the Fed said it could take years for proposals to be implemented.

Customers purchase food in Budapest's Grand Market Hall on April 8. Hungary had the biggest spike in food prices in the EU. **DENES ERDOS/AP**

Food prices fall, but cost high

Transportation, processing add to what people pay to put meals on tables across globe

By Paul Wiseman and Evelyne Musambi
Associated Press

Around the world, food prices are persistently, painfully high. Puzzlingly, too.

On global markets, the prices of grains, vegetable oil, dairy and other agricultural commodities have fallen steadily from record highs. But the relief hasn't made it to the real world of shopkeepers, street vendors and families trying to make ends meet.

Food prices were already running high when Russia invaded Ukraine in February last year, disrupting trade in grain and fertilizer and sending prices up even more. But on a global scale, that price shock ended long ago.

The United Nations says food prices have fallen for 12 straight months, helped by decent harvests in places like Brazil and Russia and a fragile wartime agreement to allow grain shipments out of the Black Sea.

The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization's food price index is lower than it was when Russian troops entered Ukraine.

Yet somehow exorbitant food prices that people have little choice but to pay are still climbing, contributing disproportionately to painfully high inflation from the United States and Europe to the struggling countries of the developing world.

Why is food price inflation so intractable, if not in world commodity markets, then where it counts — in bazaars and grocery stores and kitchen tables around the world?

Joseph Glauber, former chief economist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, notes that the price of specific agricultural products — oranges, wheat, livestock — are just the beginning.

In the United States, where food prices were up 8.5% last month from a year earlier, he said that "75% of the costs are coming after it leaves the farm. It's energy costs. It's all the processing costs. All the transportation costs. All the labor costs."

And many of those costs are embedded in so-called core inflation, which excludes volatile food and energy prices and has proven stubbornly hard to wring out of the world economy. Food prices soared 19.5% in the European Union last month from a year earlier and 19.2% in the U.K., the biggest increase in nearly 46 years.

Food inflation, Glauber said, "will come down, but it's going to come down slowly, largely because these other factors are still running pretty high."

Others, including President Joe Biden, see another culprit: a wave of mergers that have, over the years, reduced competition in the food industry.

The White House last year complained that just four meatpacking companies control 85% of the U.S. beef market. Likewise, just four firms control 70% of the pork market and 54% of the poultry market. Those companies, critics say, can and do use their market power to raise prices.

Glauber, now a senior research fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute, isn't convinced that consolidation in agribusiness is to blame for persistently high food prices.

"There's a lot of market factors right now, fundamentals, that can explain why we have such inflation," he said. "I couldn't point my finger at the fact that we just have a handful of meat producers."

Outside the United States, he says, a strong dollar is to blame for keeping prices high. In other recent food-price crunches, like in 2007-08, the dollar wasn't especially strong.

"This time around, we've had a strong dollar and an appreciating dollar," Glauber said. "Prices for corn and wheat are quoted in dollars per ton. You put that in local currency terms, and because of the strong dollar, that means they haven't seen" the price drops that show up in commodity markets and the U.N. food price index.

Agency raises concerns over tech visa lottery

By Elliot Spagat
Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — The number of applications for visas used in the technology industry soared for a second consecutive year, raising "serious concerns" that some are manipulating the system to gain an unfair advantage, authorities said Friday.

There were 780,884 applications for H-1B visas in this year's computer-generated lottery, up 61% from 483,927 last year, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said in a message to "stakeholders." Last year's haul was up 57% from 308,613 applications the year before.

Each year, up to 85,000 people are selected for H-1B visas, a mainstay for technology giants such as Amazon.com Inc., Google parent Alphabet Inc., Facebook parent Meta Platforms Inc. and International Business Machines Corp.

Last year, the government began requiring workers who won the lottery to sign affidavits stating they didn't try to game the system by working with others to file multiple bids under different company names, even if there was no underlying employment offer.

By winning at least once, these companies could market their services to technology companies that wanted to fill positions but didn't have visas, effectively becoming labor contractors.

"The large number of eligible registrations for beneficiaries with multiple eligible registrations — much larger than in previous years — has raised serious concerns that some may have tried to gain an unfair advantage by working together to submit multiple registrations on behalf of the same beneficiary. This may have unfairly increased their chances of selection," the agency wrote.

The agency said it has "undertaken extensive fraud investigations" based on lottery submissions from the last two years, denied some petitions and is "in the process" of referring some cases to federal prosecutors for possible crimes.

The number of registrations tied to people who applied more than once rose to 408,891 this year from 165,180 last year and 90,143 the year before.

Inflation, pay figures putting Fed in dilemma

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Key measures of prices and wages remained high in March, keeping the Federal Reserve on track to raise interest rates next week for the 10th time since March of last year in its drive to defeat high inflation.

An index that is closely followed by the Fed, which excludes volatile food and energy costs to capture "core" inflation, rose 0.3% from February to March and 4.6% from a year earlier, according to a report Friday from the Commerce Department. That is still far above the Fed's 2% target rate. Some Fed officials are concerned that core inflation hasn't declined much since reaching 4.7% in July.

And a separate measure issued Friday by the Labor Department showed that workers' pay and benefits rose 1.2% in the first three months of this year, faster than the 1.1% rise in last year's final quarter. While that trend is good for employees, Fed officials worry that companies will seek to offset labor costs by raising prices and perpetuating inflation.

Paychecks grew 5.1% in the first quarter compared with a year ago, before adjusting for inflation, the Labor Department said, unchanged from three months earlier. The Fed regards wage increases above roughly 3.5% as too high for it to reach its 2% inflation target.

The latest inflation figures point to the dilemma confronting Federal Reserve officials: Across the economy, price increases for many goods have slowed significantly. And some previous drivers of inflation, notably clogged supply chains, have eased.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

House restoring solar panel tariffs

WASHINGTON — The House voted Friday to reinstate tariffs on solar panel imports from several Southeast Asian countries after President Joe Biden paused them in a bid to boost solar panel installations in the U.S., a key part of his climate agenda.

The 221-202 vote sends the measure to the Senate, where lawmakers from both parties have expressed similar concerns about what many call unfair competition from China. Biden has vowed to veto the measure if it reaches his desk.

Some U.S. manufacturers contend that China has essentially moved operations to four Southeast Asian countries — Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam — to skirt strict anti-dumping rules that limit imports from China.

Zimbabwe plans digital currency

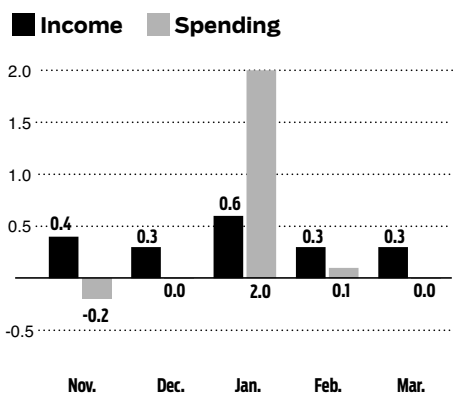
HARARE, Zimbabwe — Zimbabwe will launch a digital currency next month by introducing "tokens" that are backed by gold reserves and can be transferred between people and businesses as a form of payment, the country's central bank said Friday.

The move is aimed at shoring up Zimbabwe's faltering national currency, the Zimbabwe dollar, which is fast depreciating amid yearslong economic woes in the southern African nation.

The Bahamas, Jamaica and Nigeria have launched digital currencies backed by their central banks, with several other countries running trial projects. The United Kingdom is moving closer to it by asking for public input on the idea. The U.S. and European Union are considering similar moves.

Personal income and spending

Percent change from preceding month



SOURCE: Bureau of Economic Analysis TNS

Signage for Newsmax is displayed at a booth at the National Rifle Association annual meeting at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. **PATRICK T. FALLON/GETTY-AFP 2022**

Newsmax sees ratings boost after Carlson's ouster at Fox

By Michael Grynbaum
The New York Times

Newsmax, the niche conservative news channel that has long played David to Fox News' Goliath, has seized on Tucker Carlson's shock dismissal from its rival network and declared itself the true TV home for right-wing Americans.

The strategy is showing some promise.

Viewership of Newsmax remains far below that of Fox News. But its audience at certain hours has doubled and in some time slots tripled in the aftermath of Carlson's exit — an abrupt spike that has turned heads in conservative circles and the cable news industry.

On Monday night, Eric Bolling's Newsmax program drew 531,000 viewers, according to Nielsen. One week earlier, it had 146,000. On Tuesday, Bolling's audience grew to 562,000 viewers, equal to about 80% of Anderson Cooper's CNN viewership that evening. Newsmax's other prime-time shows also experienced big jumps.

The sharp rise in viewership can be timed almost to the minute of Fox News' announcement Monday that it was parting ways with Carlson, in part because of private messages sent by the anchor that included offensive and crude remarks.

Carlson

Executives at Newsmax quickly sensed an opportunity.

Starting Monday, Newsmax programming has aggressively pushed a narrative that Carlson's dismissal represented a capitulation to the left by Fox News and the Murdoch family.

One pundit mused on air that Lachlan Murdoch, the executive chair of Fox Corp., was "much more liberal" than his father, Rupert Murdoch.

Andrew Napolitano, a Newsmax pundit who was fired by Fox News in 2021 over a harassment allegation, said that Fox News dismissing its top-rated anchor "is like the 1927 Yankees firing Babe Ruth for his table manners; I don't get it."

By Thursday morning, the network was inviting viewers to vote in a poll: "Is it right for Fox News to fire Tucker Carlson?"

"Fox has been moving to embrace more of an establishment position," Newsmax's CEO, Christopher Ruddy, said in an interview Thursday. "They want to renounce some of the Trumpisms and populist MAGA stuff that Tucker was echoing."

Ruddy said he preferred to "embrace all sides of the Republican Party."

Overall, Newsmax remains a ratings minnow.

On Tuesday night, "Hannity" on Fox News drew 2.1 million viewers; "The Ingraham Angle" attracted 1.6 million.

Fox News has pointed to Nielsen data showing that in the first three months of the year, it was the highest-rated network across all of cable TV.

The network has bounced back from losing stars like Bill O'Reilly and Glenn Beck in the past.

Newsmax's surge comes shortly after Fox News paid $787.5 million to settle a defamation lawsuit brought by Dominion Voting Systems, an election technology firm.

Firm seeks first-time restart of deactivated nuclear plant

By John Flesher
Associated Press

The shuttered Palisades Nuclear Generating Station in Covert, Mich., may be revived if its owner and state officials have their way. **JOHN MADILL/THE HERALD-PALLADIUM 2010**

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — A company that tears down closed nuclear power plants wants to do in Michigan what has never been done in the U.S. — restore a dead one to life.

Holtec Decommissioning International bought the Palisades Nuclear Generating Station in June for the stated purpose of dismantling it, weeks after previous owner Entergy shut down the plant in Covert, Mich. Fuel was removed from the reactor core. Federal regulators were notified of "permanent cessation of power operations."

But with support from Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and leaders in the Lake Michigan community where Palisades was an economic driver for 50 years, Holtec soon kicked off a campaign to bring the plant back. The 800 megawatt facility had generated roughly 5% of the state's electricity.

"Keeping Palisades open is critical for Michigan's competitiveness and future economic development opportunities," Whitmer said in a letter to Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, herself a former Michigan governor, requesting federal funding for the restart.

Activists who long criticized Palisades as poorly maintained and dangerous don't want it resurrected.

They note its years of mechanical problems, including what the Nuclear Regulatory Commission described as among the nation's worst cases of nuclear fuel container weakening. A degrading seal on a device controlling the atomic reaction led Entergy to close the plant nearly two weeks earlier than planned in May 2022.

"This is uncharted risk territory," said Kevin Kamps, radioactive waste specialist for a group called Beyond Nuclear, who vowed to "fight this proposal at every turn" after Holtec pitched it during a March 20 NRC meeting.

Holtec says a primary reason for its about-face on Palisades was a $6 billion federal initiative to prolong older nuclear facilities, part of President Joe Biden's infrastructure law.

Nuclear is key to his goal of an economy with net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Fission generates no carbon dioxide, the primary global warming gas, although fossil fuels can be used in mining and refining uranium ore for reactors. Its waste remains lethally radioactive for thousands of years.

"Nuclear reactors support energy independence by ensuring the reliable availability of clean, resilient and affordable power," the Energy Department said in March, announcing a second funding application period for aging plants.

The department awarded up to $1.1 billion last fall to spare the Diablo Canyon plant in California, scheduled for decommissioning in 2024 and 2025.

Palisades was turned down. But the department emphasized that recently shuttered plants would be eligible in the next round. Instead, Holtec is applying for about $1 billion in federal loans under a different program that's "a better fit," spokesman Patrick O'Brien said.

The company also wants $300 million from the state, said state Rep. Joey Andrews, a Democrat whose district includes the plant.

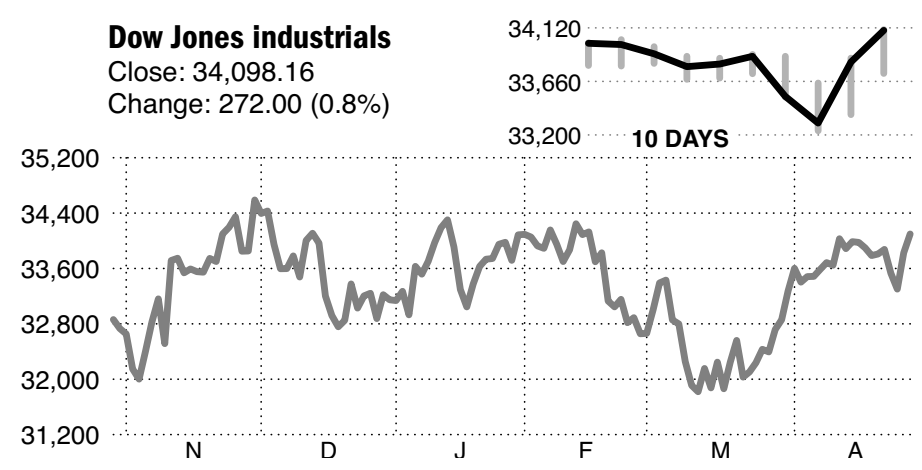
Resurrecting the plant would be "a massive challenge," said Jacopo Buongiorno, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology nuclear engineering professor.

In addition to hiring and training hundreds of operators and engineers, the company would have to check thousands of parts — making repairs or replacements as needed — and order more uranium fuel.

Palisades' license now prohibits reactor operation, so Holtec would need a revision or rule exemptions for a restart. The NRC would agree only if convinced the plant "has been brought back to working order," Buongiorno said.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 34,104.56 Low: 33,728.40 Previous: 33,826.16



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+84.35 (+.69%)		+34.13 (+.83%)		+17.77 (+1.01%)	
Close	12,226.58	Close	4,169.48	Close	1,768.99
High	12,227.72	High	4,170.06	High	1,773.02
Low	12,082.57	Low	4,127.18	Low	1,746.84
Previous	12,142.23	Previous	4,135.35	Previous	1,751.22

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-.09	+.20	+2.29	+.0007	+1.98
to 3.43%	to $1,990.10	to 136.28/$1	to .9077/$1	to $76.74

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+.86	+1.28	+.87	+2.48	+.04	+1.46	+3.40	-.88	+.91

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 23	611.75	623	610.25	619.75	+5
		Jul 23	630.50	639	624.25	633.75	+4.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 23	628.25	639	622	636	+9
		Jul 23	581.25	587.75	572	585	+3.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 23	1432.75	1449	1425	1444.25	+17.50
		Jul 23	1406.50	1423.50	1396.50	1419.25	+15.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 23	50.62	51.65	50.24	51.61	+.83
		Jul 23	50.90	51.84	50.57	51.67	+.84
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 23	429.00	436.70	425.00	435.30	+7.40
		Jul 23	428.10	434.20	422.40	432.40	+5.00
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jun 23	74.91	76.91	73.93	76.74	+1.98
		Jul 23	74.71	76.73	73.80	76.55	+1.97
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu	Jun 23	2.358	2.529	2.285	2.396	+.041
		Jul 23	2.538	2.700	2.484	2.569	+.021
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	May 23	2.5353	2.5950	2.5328	2.5692	+.0364
		Jun 23	2.5058	2.5555	2.4732	2.5262	+.0335

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. *Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ*

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	110.47	+.97	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	68.90	+.93	Middleby Corp	O	140.88	+.88
AbbVie Inc	N	151.12	+2.25	Equity Residential	N	63.25	+1.44	Mondelez Intl	O	76.72	+2.90
Allstate Corp	N	115.76	+.51	Exelon Corp	O	42.44	-.34	Morningstar Inc	O	178.31	+6.28
Aptargroup Inc	N	118.51	+1.94	Federal Signal	N	51.38	+.29	Motorola Solutions	N	291.40	-2.25
Arch Dan Mid	N	78.08	+.07	First Indl RT	N	52.47	+.83	NiSource Inc	N	28.46	-.09
Baxter Intl	N	47.68	+.88	Fortune Brands Innov	N	64.69	+1.54	Nthn Trust Cp	O	78.16	+1.13
Boeing Co	N	206.78	+.74	GATX	N	113.91	-.49	Old Republic	N	25.27	+.11
Brunswick Corp	N	84.79	-.44	Gallagher AJ	N	208.06	-.99	Packaging Corp Am	N	135.26	+1.95
CBOE Global Markets	N	139.70	+1.50	Grainger WW	N	695.57	-.79	Paylocity Hldg	O	193.29	+2.91
CCC Intellig Solut	O	8.68	-.06	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	114.30	+2.94	RLI Corp	N	139.05	-2.10
CDW Corp	O	169.59	+1.56	IDEX Corp	N	206.32	-1.51	Ryan Specialty Group	N	40.86	+.34
CF Industries	N	71.58	+1.47	ITW	N	241.94	+1.38	Stericycle Inc	O	45.65	-.43
CME Group	O	185.77	+1.36	Ingredion Inc	N	106.17	+.61	TransUnion	N	68.81	+1.47
CNA Financial	N	38.91	+.38	John Bean Technol	N	108.71	-1.44	US Foods Holding	N	38.40	+.91
Caterpillar Inc	N	218.80	+4.47	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	139.04	+2.83	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	551.43	+3.66
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	37.96	+.06	Kemper Corp	N	48.65	-3.43	United Airlines Hldg	O	43.80	+.97
Deere Co	N	378.02	+6.17	Kraft Heinz Co	O	39.27	-.41	Ventas Inc	N	48.05	+.91
Discover Fin Svcs	N	103.47	+1.48	LKQ Corporation	O	57.73	+.47	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	35.25	+.15
Dover Corp	N	146.16	+1.58	Littelfuse Inc	O	242.24	+1.48	Wintrust Financial	O	68.37	+.32
Envestnet Inc	N	63.38	-.01	McDonalds Corp	N	295.75	+1.03	Zebra Tech	O	288.03	+3.91

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Fst Republic Bank	3.51	-2.68
Snap Inc A	8.71	-1.79
Pinterest Inc	23.00	-4.27
Ford Motor	11.88	+.27
NY Cmty Bcp	10.69	+1.50
Bank of America	29.28	+.39
Sthwstn Energy	5.19	+.16
AT&T Inc	17.67	+.06
Petrobras	10.62	-.88
Carnival Corp	9.21	+.31
Credit Suisse Gp	.90	+.01
Uber Technologies	31.05	+1.35
US Bancorp	34.28	+1.71
Exxon Mobil Corp	118.34	+1.51
Palantir Technol	7.75	-.07
Nu Holdings Ltd	5.16	+.11
Lumen Technologies	2.37	+.16
Pfizer Inc	38.89	+.15
Vale SA	14.41	+.08
Wells Fargo & Co	39.75	+.09
Altice USA Inc	3.50	+.52
Norwegian Cruise Ln	13.35	+.52
Keycorp	11.26	+.31
Verizon Comm	38.83	+.04

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Mullen Automotive	.08	+.01
Bed Bath &Beynd	.11	-.01
Ideanomics Inc	.02	-.00
Amazon.com Inc	105.45	-4.37
Tesla Inc	164.31	+4.12
Magic Empire Glbl	4.00	+3.07
Exela Technologies	.03	...
WeTrade Group Inc	.11	+.03
Intel Corp	31.06	+1.20
Apple Inc	169.68	+1.27
SoFi Technologies	6.23	+.17
Huadi Intl Gr Co Ltd	13.18	+10.45
Adv Micro Dev	89.37	+1.93
Lion Group Holding A	.27	+.05
Faraday Fut Intllgnt	.17	-.02
American Airlines Gp	13.64	+.76
Meta Platforms Inc	240.32	+1.76
Microsoft Corp	307.26	+2.43
Alphabet Inc A	107.34	-.25
AGBA Group Hldg Ltd	2.31	+.62
Nvidia Corporation	277.49	+5.23
Marathon Digital Hld	10.07	+.01
Crown Electrkinetics	.16	+.02
Comcast Corp A	41.37	+1.10

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3323.28	+37.4/+1.1
Stoxx600	466.39	+2.4/+.5
Nikkei	28856.44	+398.8/+1.4
MSCI-EAFE	2144.40	+9.2/+.4
Bovespa	104431.63	+1508.3/+1.5
FTSE 100	7870.57	+39.0/+.5
CAC-40	7491.50	+7.7/+.1

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	108.22	-.15
Alphabet Inc A	107.34	-.25
Amazon.com Inc	105.45	-4.37
Apple Inc	169.68	+1.27
Berkshire Hath B	328.55	+2.32
Eli Lilly	395.86	+5.51
Exxon Mobil Corp	118.34	+1.51
JPMorgan Chase	138.24	+1.19
Johnson & Johnson	163.70	+.70
Meta Platforms Inc	240.32	+1.76
Microsoft Corp	307.26	+2.43
Novo Nordisk AS	167.09	+1.07
Nvidia Corporation	277.49	+5.23
Procter & Gamble	156.38	-.09
Taiwan Semicon	84.30	+.63
Tesla Inc	164.31	+4.12
Unitedhealth Group	492.09	+1.62
Visa Inc	232.73	+3.72
WalMart Strs	150.97	-.41

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month Disc	4.95	5.03
6-month disc	4.86	4.85
2-year	4.02	4.08
10-year	3.43	3.52
30-year	3.68	3.75

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	$1990.10	$1989.90
Silver	$24.999	$24.983
Platinum	$1090.10	$1093.20

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	8.00
Discount Rate Primary	5.50
Fed Funds Target	4.75-5.00
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.51

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys . . .

Argentina (Peso)	222.6676
Australia (Dollar)	1.5120
Brazil (Real)	4.9892
Britain (Pound)	.7959
Canada (Dollar)	1.3538
China (Yuan)	6.9122
Euro	.9077
India (Rupee)	81.733
Israel (Shekel)	3.6358
Japan (Yen)	136.28
Mexico (Peso)	17.9887
Poland (Zloty)	4.16
So. Korea (Won)	1339.58
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.76
Thailand (Baht)	34.17

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	29.85	+.21	-1.3
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	49.53	+.39	-.2
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	55.40	+.32	+2.7
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	65.02	+.37	+.6
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	64.79	+.55	+.8
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	55.42	+.48	-4.6
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.00	+.12	-1.2
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	44.70	+.37	+2.0
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	52.71	+.38	+.2
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	53.38	+.45	-.7
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	9.86	+.05	-.8
Dodge & Cox Incl	12.53	+.06	+.4
Dodge & Cox IntlStkI	46.89	+.09	+6.7
Dodge & Cox StkI	218.95	+1.66	-1.3
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	144.78	+1.20	-1.1
Fidelity BCGrowth	134.55	+.64	-6.0
Fidelity Contrafund	13.72	+.07	-.7
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdx	13.46	+.03	+3.8
Fidelity GroCo	26.52	+.16	-2.0
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	45.96	-.01	+8.8
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.13	+.06	-.4
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	114.59	+.95	-2.3
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	10.46	+.05	-.9
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	9.25	...	-2.5
PIMCO IncInstl	10.43	...	+1.3
PIMCO TtlRetIns	8.66	+.04	-1.7
Schwab SP500Idx	63.61	...	+.5
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	384.97	+3.19	-1.1
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	41.86	+.30	-1.5
Vanguard DivGrInv	35.97	+.28	+.1
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	83.84	+.75	-.3
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	129.74	+.97	-3.1
Vanguard HCAdmrl	89.97	+.54	+8.8
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.55	+.01	+3.3
Vanguard InsIdxIns	348.30	+2.89	-1.1
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	348.30	+2.89	-1.1
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	100.06	+.24	+2.5
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	259.28	+2.30	-5.9
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	141.31	+1.41	+1.4
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.11	+.02	+1.5
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	89.79	+.89	-5.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Fd	26.78	+.15	-.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	17.72	+.10	-.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	33.47	+.19	-.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	20.72	+.12	-.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	36.51	+.21	-.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	24.59	+.14	-.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Fd	40.80	+.23	-.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2055Fd	45.52	+.26	-.1
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncFd	12.80	+.07	-.6
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	9.74	+.05	-1.0
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	9.74	+.05	-1.0
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	30.17	+.06	+2.9
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	120.63	+.23	+2.9
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	18.03	+.03	+2.8
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	100.41	+.84	-2.3
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	100.42	+.83	-2.3
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	69.59	+.43	+.7
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	60.25	+.44	-.3
Vanguard WndsrIIAdmrl	70.31	+.63	+.1

d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee.
m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee.
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NATION & WORLD

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia unleashes deadly air attack

Missiles slam into apartment building in central Ukraine

By Andrea Rosa, Hanna Arhirova and David Rising
Associated Press

Ukrainian firefighters whisk away a body found in an apartment building hit by a Russian missile in Uman. **BERNAT ARMANGUE/AP**

UMAN, Ukraine — Russia fired more than 20 cruise missiles and two drones at Ukraine early Friday, killing at least 23 people, almost all of them when two missiles slammed into an apartment building in a terrifying nighttime attack, officials said. Three children were among the dead.

The missile attacks included the first one against Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, in nearly two months.

The city government said Ukraine's air force intercepted 11 cruise missiles and two unmanned aerial vehicles over Kyiv. Fragments from intercepted missiles or drones damaged power lines and a road in one neighborhood, but no casualties were reported

The strikes on the nine-story residential building in central Ukraine occurred in Uman, a city 134 miles south of Kyiv. Twenty-one people died in that attack, according to Ukraine's National Police. The dead included two 10-year-old children and a toddler.

Another of the victims was a 75-year-old woman who lived in a neighboring building and suffered internal bleeding from the blast's shock wave, according to emergency personnel at the scene.

The Ukrainian national police said 17 people were wounded and three children were rescued from the rubble. Nine were hospitalized.

The bombardment was nowhere near the war's sprawling front lines or active combat zones in eastern Ukraine, where a grinding war of attrition has taken hold. Moscow has frequently launched long-range missile attacks during the 14-month war, often indiscriminately hitting civilian areas.

Ukrainian officials and analysts have alleged such strikes are part of a deliberate intimidation strategy by the Kremlin.

The Russian Defense Ministry said the long-range cruise missiles launched overnight were aimed at places where Ukrainian military reserve units were staying before their deployment to the battlefield.

"The strike has achieved its goal. All the designated facilities have been hit," Lt. Gen. Igor Konashenkov, the Defense Ministry's spokesperson, said.

Survivors of the Uman strikes recounted terrifying moments as the missiles hit when it still was dark outside.

Halyna, a building resident, said she and her husband were covered in glass by the blast. They saw flames outside their window and scrambled out, but first Halyna checked whether her friend in a neighboring apartment was OK.

"I was calling, calling her (on the phone), but she didn't pick up. I even rang the doorbell, but still no answer," said Halyna, who refused to provide her last name out of security concerns.

She used the spare keys to the apartment and went inside. Her friend was dead.

Three body bags lay next to the building as smoke continued to billow hours after the attack. Soldiers, civilians and emergency crews searched through the rubble outside for more victims, while residents dragged belongings out of the damaged building.

One woman, crying in shock, was taken away by rescue crews for help.

Yulia Norovkova, spokeswoman for emergency rescue crews on the scene, said local volunteers were helping nearly 150 emergency personnel. Two aid stations, including psychologists, were operating, she said.

A 31-year-old woman and her 2-year-old daughter were also killed in the eastern city of Dnipro in another attack, regional Gov. Serhii Lysak said. Four people were wounded, and a private home and business were damaged.

The attacks came days after President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that he and Chinese leader Xi Jinping held a "long and meaningful" phone call in which Xi said his government would send a peace envoy to Ukraine and other nations.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said Friday's bombardment showed the Kremlin isn't interested in a peace deal.

"Missile strikes killing innocent Ukrainians in their sleep, including a 2-year-old child, is Russia's response to all peace initiatives," he tweeted. "The way to peace is to kick Russia out of Ukraine."

Czech President Petr Pavel, on a visit to Ukraine, was unconvinced by the Kremlin's past denials of responsibility for such bloodshed.

"The number of attacks on civilian targets leads to an only conclusion that it is intentional," Pavel told Czech media. "It's a clear plan intended to cause chaos, horrors among the civilian population."

Shortly after Moscow unleashed the barrage, the Russian Defense Ministry posted a photo on Telegram showing a missile launch and saying, "Right on target."

The message triggered outrage among Ukrainians on social media and some officials, who viewed it as gloating over the casualties.

"The Ministry of Homicide of the Russian Federation is happy that it hit a residential building with a rocket and killed civilians," said Andriy Yermak, head of Ukraine's presidential office.

ANALYSIS

Biden, on defensive, faces tough debt-limit decisions

By Jim Tankersley
The New York Times

President Joe Biden is being urged by business groups, fiscal hawks and some congressional Democrats to begin working out a deal to avoid default. **DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

WASHINGTON — This week's vote by House Republicans to couple deep spending cuts with an agreement to raise the debt limit for one year has put President Joe Biden on the defensive, forcing him to confront a series of potentially painful choices at a perilous economic moment.

Biden has long maintained that he would not negotiate spending cuts or other efforts to reduce the federal debt as part of discussions over raising the nation's debt limit, which must be raised in order for the United States to keep borrowing money to pay its bills.

But business groups, fiscal hawks and some congressional Democrats are calling on Biden to begin negotiating in earnest toward a deal that would avoid a default on the debt, which could come as soon as June or July.

Biden and his aides now must choose how quickly to engage with Speaker Kevin McCarthy of California — along with Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., the majority leader; Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the minority leader; and Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York, the House minority leader — and on what terms.

The president faces a cascading set of decisions as the nation, which has already bumped up against its $31.4 trillion debt limit, barrels toward default. He will need to find what, if any, common ground on spending cuts he has with Republicans, who do not share his preference for reducing the nation's debt path largely by raising taxes on corporations and the rich. He will need to determine if he is prepared to sign any debt limit increase that is attached to conditions demanded by House conservatives.

Ultimately, he may need to decide how aggressively to intervene in the delicate politics of House leadership. A potential debt-limit agreement could spur revolt by McCarthy's most restless members, who laid the groundwork for the current brinkmanship when they held out against McCarthy's ascension to the speaker's gavel and retain the power to try to push him out.

As administration officials describe it, they are all complicated choices. Biden and his aides do not want to encourage Republicans to habitually threaten economic collapse under Democratic presidents — and only under Democratic presidents — by allowing them to extract concessions to raise the limit now. They also recognize that a recession set off by default would hammer American families just as Biden is ramping up his reelection campaign, a dangerous scenario for an unpopular incumbent no matter which party voters blame for the default.

Some of Biden's next steps are clear. To the chagrin of some House conservatives, there was no scenario in which the president would sign the bill that barely cleared the chamber Wednesday. Along with raising the limit, it included spending cuts, new supports for oil and gas drilling and the near-total reversal of Biden's signature law meant to fight climate change.

"The president has made clear this bill has no chance of becoming law," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Wednesday. "In our history, we have never defaulted on our debt or failed to pay our bills. Congressional Republicans must act immediately and without conditions to avoid default."

But that does not mean that Biden will be able to maintain his current posture indefinitely.

White House officials concede that Biden will have to convene negotiations with congressional leaders over taxes, spending and debt before the government runs out of money to pay its bills. In recent days, the president has suggested an openness to talk fiscal issues with Republicans, with the wink-nod stipulation that they have nothing to do with the borrowing limit.

Biden still sees his position in any fiscal talks, and the public debate around them, as a political winner. Earlier this year, he demonized Republican plans that included cuts to safety-net programs and forced McCarthy to make Social Security and Medicare — the two largest drivers of federal spending growth in the years to come — untouchable in the Republican bill.

More recently, officials across the administration have blasted the GOP bill for potentially cutting spending on popular programs for veterans, students and more. They are able to do that because the bill does not specify where the bulk of its spending reductions would come from, leaving the task to future congressional appropriators.

Some administration officials privately suggest that a more modest version of spending caps, lasting for a few years at most, could plausibly form the centerpiece of an agreement to continue funding the government and raise the borrowing limit.

China's Zhurong rover detects signs of water in sand dunes on Mars

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Water may be more widespread and recent on Mars than previously thought, based on observations of Martian sand dunes by China's rover.

The finding highlights potentially fertile areas in the warmer regions of Mars where conditions might be suitable for life to exist, though study is needed.

Friday's news comes days after mission leaders acknowledged that the Zhurong rover has yet to wake up since going into hibernation for the Martian winter nearly a year ago.

Its solar panels are likely covered with dust, choking off its power source and possibly preventing the rover from operating again, said Zhang Rongqiao, the mission's chief designer.

Before Zhurong fell silent, it observed salt-rich dunes with cracks and crusts, which researchers said likely were mixed with melting morning frost or snow as recently as a few hundred thousand years ago.

Their estimated date range for when the cracks and other dune features formed in Mars' Utopia Planitia, a vast plain in the northern hemisphere: sometime after 1.4 million to 400,000 years ago or even younger.

Conditions during that period were similar to now on Mars, with rivers and lakes dried up and no longer flowing as they did billions of years earlier.

Studying the structure and chemical makeup of these dunes can provide insights into "the possibility of water activity" during this period, the Beijing-based team wrote in a study published in Science Advances.

"We think it could be a small amount ... no more than a film of water on the surface," co-author Xiaoguang Qin of the Institute of Geology and Geophysics said in an email.

The rover did not directly detect any water in the form of frost or ice.

But Qin said computer simulations and observations by other spacecraft on Mars indicate that even nowadays at certain times of year, conditions could be suitable for water to appear.

What's notable about the study is how young the dunes are, said planetary scientist Frederic Schmidt at the University of Paris-Saclay, who was not part of the study.

"This is clearly a new piece of science for this region," he said in an email.

Small pockets of water from thawing frost or snow, mixed with salt, likely resulted in the small cracks, hard crusty surfaces, loose particles and other dune features like depressions and ridges, the Chinese scientists said. They ruled out wind as a cause, as well as frost made of carbon dioxide, which makes up the bulk of Mars' atmosphere.

States push to bolster trans health

Many want to treat gender dysphoria — and political fallout

By Claire Rush
Associated Press

Christina Wood moved to Salem, Ore., from New Mexico to get better health care for gender dysphoria. **AMANDA LOMAN/AP**

PORTLAND, Ore. — For most of her life in New Mexico, Christina Wood felt like she had to hide her identity as a transgender woman. So six years ago she moved to Oregon, where she had readier access to the gender-affirming health care she needed to live as her authentic self.

Once there, Wood, 49, was able to receive certain surgeries that helped her transition, but electrolysis, or permanent hair removal, wasn't fully covered under the state's Medicaid plan for low-income residents. Paying out-of-pocket ate up nearly half her monthly income, but it was critical for Wood's mental health.

"Having this facial hair or this body hair, it doesn't make me feel feminine. I still look in the mirror and I see that masculine person," she said. "It's stressful. It causes anxiety and PTSD when you're having to live in this body that you don't feel like you should be in."

That is likely about to change. Oregon lawmakers are expected to pass a bill expanding insurance coverage for gender-affirming care to include things like facial hair removal and Adam's apple reduction surgery, procedures now considered cosmetic by insurers but seen as critical to the mental health of transitioning women.

The wide-ranging bill is part of a wave of legislation this year in Democratic-led states intended to carve out safe havens amid a conservative movement that seeks to ban or limit gender-affirming care elsewhere, eliminate some rights and protections for transgender people and even bar discussion of their existence in settings such as classrooms.

More than half a dozen states, from New Jersey to Vermont to Colorado, have passed or are considering bills or executive orders around transgender health care, civil rights and other legal protections. In Michigan, Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last month signed a bill outlawing discrimination on the basis of gender identity and sexual orientation for the first time in her state.

"Trans people are just being used as a political punching bag," said Rose Saxe, deputy director of the American Civil Liberties Union's LGBT and HIV Project. "Denying this health care doesn't make them not trans. It just makes their lives much harder."

Gender-affirming care includes a wide range of social and medical interventions, such as hormone treatments, counseling, puberty blockers and surgery.

Oregon's bill would bar insurers and the state's Medicaid plan from defining procedures like electrolysis as cosmetic when they are prescribed as medically necessary for treating gender dysphoria. It also would shield providers and patients from lawsuits originating in states where such procedures are restricted.

"We're actually very committed to accessibility of coverage. Because you can say something is legal, but if it's not truly affordable or accessible, that is not a full promise," said Democratic state Rep. Andrea Valderrama, the bill's chief sponsor.

Access to procedures such as electrolysis is also necessary as a matter of public safety, said Blair Stenvick, communications manager for the LGBTQ+ advocacy group Basic Rights Oregon.

"Facial hair can be a trigger for harassment," Stenvick said, and being able to present as a woman "helps folks to not get targeted and identified as a trans person and then attacked."

The bill has sparked fervent debate, with hundreds of people submitting written testimony both for and against it and an emotionally charged public hearing at the Capitol in Salem last month that went on for several hours. The Democratic-controlled House is expected to vote on the bill Monday over Republican opposition before it heads to the Senate, which is also led by Democrats.

Oregon's measure mirrors a nationwide trend in Democratic-led states.

Shield protections similar to what is being proposed in Oregon have been enacted this year in Colorado, Illinois, New Jersey and New Mexico, and other bills are awaiting the signatures of Govs. Jay Inslee in Washington and Tim Walz in Minnesota. California, Massachusetts and Connecticut passed measures last year. They largely bar authorities from complying with subpoenas, arrest warrants or extradition requests from states that have banned gender-affirming treatments.

Meanwhile, a measure passed last month by lawmakers in Maryland would expand the list of procedures covered by Medicaid, and Democratic Gov. Wes Moore has said he plans to sign it.

And lawmakers in Nevada's Democratic-held Legislature are also pushing to expand gender-affirming health care and develop policies regarding the treatment of transgender prisoners, among other things.

The Nevada bills face an uncertain fate under Republican Gov. Joe Lombardo, who has shied away from the anti-transgender rhetoric and policy proposals that fellow GOP officeholders and candidates across the country have embraced. Lawmakers have just over a month to vote on them before the legislative session ends in June. But regardless of their outcome, an open debate over transgender health care protections in the swing state promises to heighten national attention on the issue.

"They know that this is not a political stunt," state Sen. Melanie Scheible, the bill's sponsor and member of Nevada's newly formed LGBTQ+ Caucus, said of the governor's office. "I'm not trying to give them a bill to veto just so I can complain about it later."

Some opponents of gender-affirming health care say they're concerned that young people may undergo certain physical transition procedures that are irreversible or transition socially in settings such as schools without their parents' knowledge.

Advocates for gender-affirming health procedures counter that they can be a matter of life or death.

Kevin Wang, medical director for the LGBTQI+ Program at Swedish Health Services in Seattle, said such care alleviates the depression, anxiety and self-harm seen in patients with gender dysphoria. Studies show transgender people, particularly youth, consider and attempt suicide at higher rates than the general public.

"These are not aesthetic procedures," Wang said. "Accessing these services can be absolutely life-saving because we're preventing future harm."

Some legal experts warn laws that protect gender-affirming care but lack enforcement or funding to investigate violations may not result in true change.

Insurers rarely face major consequences for violations, said Ezra Young, a civil rights attorney and visiting assistant professor of law at Cornell Law School, expressing skepticism that states will mount effective enforcement efforts.

"If you're leaving it to relatively poor transgender people to litigate a case in court ... that's not a meaningful remedy," he said.

People fleeing war-torn Sudan wait Friday to board a ship in Port Sudan. Fighting continued into its 14th day in the country despite rival forces agreeing to extend a cease-fire. **GETTY-AFP**

Rival forces continue clashes as Sudan evacuations mount

By Abdi Latif Dahir and Cora Engelbrecht
The New York Times

Civilians continued to flee renewed clashes in Sudan on Friday as a three-day extension of an already-tenuous truce got off to a fitful start, and foreign countries ramped up evacuations after warning of an escalation of violence in the coming days.

Gunfire and loud explosions rocked at least two neighborhoods in the capital, Khartoum, residents said, as the battle between Sudan's army, led by Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, led by Lt. Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo, entered its 14th day.

Clashes also continued in the western region of Darfur, aid workers said, even as the African Union, the United Nations and countries including the United States welcomed the decision to extend a fragile cease-fire for an additional 72 hours.

Taking advantage of the shaky truce, the United Kingdom late Thursday evening ordered its remaining citizens to immediately travel to the Wadi Saeedna airfield near Khartoum for evacuation.

About 900 British nationals had been evacuated so far on eight flights as of Thursday afternoon. But after the truce extension ends at midnight Sunday, "violence could escalate," the Foreign Office warned in a statement.

Turkey also continued removing its nationals who were stuck in Sudan. But in a sign of the rapidly deteriorating situation, one of its evacuation flights was shot at Friday morning.

The plane landed safely, Turkey's Ministry of Defense said in a post on Twitter. Sudan's army was quick to blame the Rapid Support Forces for the attack, an allegation the RSF denied.

But even as other foreign nations sent planes to evacuate their nationals, the United States had still not done so. The White House on Thursday urged American citizens to leave within the next 48 hours. There are believed to be about 16,000 Americans in Sudan, many of them dual nationals.

"We are working continuously to create options for American citizens to leave Sudan promptly because the situation could deteriorate at any moment," said White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre.

Brig. Gen. Patrick Ryder, a Pentagon spokesperson, said late Tuesday that there were a "relatively small" number of Americans who wanted to leave and that U.S. officials were identifying any available seats on international flights.

The U.S. was helping secure land routes, he said, and had positioned naval ships off the coast of Sudan in the Red Sea.

The clashes, which began April 15, have killed at least 512 people and wounded close to 4,200 others, according to the World Health Organization, but observers say the death toll is likely much higher than currently being reported.

With the security and power vacuum in Khartoum, the U.N. said that violence was escalating in Darfur, a region plagued by two decades of genocidal violence. Over the past few days, the U.N. has reported renewed intercommunal clashes, the looting of aid agencies and the burning of homes and markets.

Efforts at restricting abortion even more falter in Neb., SC

By Margery A. Beck and James Pollard
Associated Press

Opponents of a push to ban abortion at about the sixth week of pregnancy cheer its failure Thursday at the state Capitol in Lincoln, Neb. **LARRY ROBINSON/LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR**

LINCOLN, Neb. — Abortion bans in deeply conservative Nebraska and South Carolina both fell short of advancing in close legislative votes amid heated debates among Republicans, yet another sign that abortion is becoming a difficult issue for the GOP.

In Nebraska, where abortion is banned after 20 weeks of pregnancy, an effort to ban abortion at about the sixth week of pregnancy fell one vote short of breaking a filibuster. Cheers erupted outside the legislative chamber as the last vote was cast, with opponents of the bill waving signs and chanting, "Whose house? Our house!"

In South Carolina, lawmakers voted 22-21 to shelve a similar near-total abortion ban for the rest of the year.

Republican state Sen. Sandy Senn criticized Majority Leader Shane Massey for repeatedly "taking us off a cliff on abortion."

"The only thing that we can do when you all, you men in the chamber, metaphorically keep slapping women by raising abortion again and again and again, is for us to slap you back with our words," she said.

The Nebraska proposal, backed by Republican Gov. Jim Pillen, is unlikely to move forward this year.

And in South Carolina, where abortion remains legal through 22 weeks of pregnancy, the vote marked the third time a near-total abortion ban has failed in the Republican-led Senate chamber since the U.S. Supreme Court reversed Roe v. Wade last summer.

Katie Glenn, the state policy director for Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, characterized the failure of both proposed abortion bans as disappointing. "It's a sign that legislating is hard, and there's a lot of pieces and parts that all have to come together," she said.

The failure to advance abortion restrictions has confounded conservatives who dominate Nebraska and South Carolina and exposed a chasm on the issue within the GOP.

Since the fall of Roe, both states have become regional havens of sorts as they've watched neighboring states enact stricter abortion bans. Conservative lawmakers have bitterly made that observation in Nebraska, which has a long history as a leader in abortion restrictions. In 2010, it was the first state in the nation to ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy.

Most aggravating to some Republicans is that the pushback is coming from inside the house.

The Nebraska bill failed when Republican state Sen. Merv Riepe, a former hospital administrator, refused to give it the crucial 33rd vote needed to advance. Riepe was an original co-signer of the bill but later expressed concern that a six-week ban might not give women enough time to know they were pregnant.

When his fellow Republicans rejected an amendment he offered to extend the proposed ban to 12 weeks and add an exception for fatal fetal anomalies, Riepe pointed to his own election last year against a Democrat who made abortion rights central to her campaign. His margin of victory dropped from 27 percentage points in the May primary election, which occurred before the fall of Roe, to under 5 percentage points in the general election.

"Had my opponent had more time, more money, and more name recognition, she could have won. This made the message clear to me how critical abortion will be in 2024," he said. "We must embrace the future of reproductive rights."

Fourteen states have bans in place on abortion at all stages of pregnancy. They are Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Four other states have bans throughout pregnancy where enforcement is blocked by courts. The majority of those bans were adopted in anticipation of Roe being overturned, and most do not have exceptions for rape or incest.

Ire in Congress could revamp FISA

Bipartisan anger at FBI propels calls to limit surveillance

By Nomaan Merchant and Eric Tucker
Associated Press

FBI Director Christopher Wray testifies Thursday before the House Appropriations subcommittee. **JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP**

WASHINGTON — Growing anger at the FBI from both parties in Congress has become a major hurdle for U.S. intelligence agencies fighting to keep their vast powers to collect foreign communications that often sweep up the phone calls and emails of Americans.

Key lawmakers say they won't vote to renew the programs under Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act that expire at the end of this year without major changes targeting the FBI. Many blame problems with how the FBI's special agents search for U.S. citizens using Section 702 — along with publicly revealed mistakes in other intelligence investigations by the bureau.

Among the revelations since the law was last renewed in 2018: The bureau misled surveillance court judges in seeking to wiretap a 2016 campaign aide for former President Donald Trump, and agents didn't follow guidelines in searching Section 702 databases for the names of a congressman on the House Intelligence Committee, a local political party or people of Middle Eastern descent.

Two successive chief judges of the primary U.S. surveillance court criticized the bureau in written opinions, with one saying the frequency of mistakes in the bureau's investigation of Russian election interference "calls into question whether information contained in other FBI applications is reliable."

The debate is of great consequence to U.S. intelligence officials, who argue that the law is perhaps their most critical tool for stopping terrorism, enemy spies and cyberattacks. According to the intelligence community, 59% of the items in the briefing given daily to President Joe Biden last year featured information the National Security Agency captured under Section 702.

And the classified Pentagon documents leaked online in recent weeks make clear how much the U.S. relies on electronic snooping, with dozens of items on allies and foes alike sourced to what's known as "signals intelligence."

"Section 702 has kept American citizens safe and our U.S. service members abroad out of danger," said Rep. Mike Turner, the Ohio Republican who chairs the House Intelligence Committee, in a statement. "However, changes must be made in order to prevent further FBI misuse and abuse of this vital national security tool."

Reps. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., and Warren Davidson, R-Ohio, issued a statement in March saying the FBI was searching for Americans "at an alarming scale" and calling for an overhaul of the program.

The FBI says it uses foreign communications for its national security investigations and tightly controls how agents access Americans' data. Bureau officials this week released a checklist their agents are supposed to use in conducting searches. They also have overhauled their computer systems and added new mandatory training for agents in December 2021.

Searches likely to bring back 100 or more results must now be cleared first with an FBI attorney, and the deputy director must personally approve what the FBI calls "certain types of sensitive queries," including searches of U.S. public officials.

"Like any major institution, we have made mistakes," FBI Director Christopher Wray testified before Congress in March. "To me, the mark of a leading organization is not whether it makes mistakes or not ... but whether or not we learn from those mistakes. And I think we have."

Rep. Jim Himes of Connecticut, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said he supported the FBI's changes and wanted them to be included in a renewed surveillance law.

Himes argued some Republican critics were motivated by the investigations against Trump, including the search that the FBI conducted last year of his Florida residence.

"I think anger at the FBI has become an article of faith in the Republican conference," he said in an interview.

Under Section 702, the U.S. collects foreign communications without a warrant — and with the required participation of American telecom companies — to create databases that analysts can search for intelligence purposes. They can target foreigners outside the U.S. for collection.

Agencies cannot target American citizens or foreigners on U.S. soil, or go after a foreigner with the purpose of collecting a U.S. citizen's emails or phone calls.

The FBI disclosed that it conducted as many as 3.4 million searches of Section 702 data for Americans in 2021 — a figure that dropped sharply to 204,000 last year, according to an annual report released Friday by the U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The FBI said it introduced new counting methods for Friday's report that lowered the 2021 and 2022 figures to about 3 million and 110,000, respectively, by removing duplicative searches.

The bureau said it had run only 16 searches between December 2021 and November 2022 to seek evidence of a crime without a foreign intelligence purpose.

Some lawmakers also support requiring the FBI to obtain warrants for every search of Section 702 data. National security officials oppose such a requirement, saying it would flood courts with thousands of new cases and make many uses of the program impractical.

NEWS BRIEFING

GAO report blames airlines for a chunk of flight cancellations

From news services

Congressional investigators said in a report Friday that an increase in flight cancellations as travel recovered from the pandemic was due mostly to factors that airlines controlled, including cancellations for maintenance issues or lack of a crew.

The Government Accountability Office also said airlines are taking longer to recover from disruptions such as storms. Surges in cancellations in late 2021 and early 2022 lasted longer than they did before the pandemic, the GAO said.

Much of the increase in airline-caused cancellations has occurred at budget airlines, but the largest carriers have also made more unforced errors, according to government data.

Airlines have clashed with Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg over blame for high rates of canceled and delayed flights in the past two years. Airlines argue that the government is at fault for not having enough air traffic controllers, while Buttigieg has blamed the carriers.

The GAO report was requested by Republican leaders of the House Transportation Committee. The GAO said it examined flight data from January 2018 through April 2022 to understand why travelers suffered more delays and cancellations as travel began to recover from the pandemic.

The GAO said weather was the leading cause of cancellations in the two years before the pandemic, but the percentage of airline-caused cancellations began increasing in early 2021. From October through December 2021, airlines caused 60% or more of cancellations — higher that at any time in 2018 or 2019.

At the time, airlines were understaffed. The airlines took $54 billion in taxpayer money to keep employees on the job through the pandemic, but they reduced workers anyway by paying them incentives to quit.

As travel rebounded, the airlines struggled to replace thousands of departed workers. They now have more workers than in 2019 — and the cancellation rate this year is lower than during the same period in 2019, according to data from tracking service FlightAware.

Grand entrance: Julius Not Afraid, of Rocky Boy, Montana, leads more than 1,000 dancers Friday at the 40th anniversary of the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque, N.M. The annual Gathering of Nations kicked off with a procession of Native American and Indigenous dancers from around the world at the New Mexico state fairgrounds. **ROBERTO E. ROSALES/AP**

Gun control bills: Colorado Gov. Jared Polis signed four gun control bills Friday, following the lead of other states struggling to confront a nationwide surge in violent crime and mass shootings, despite a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that expanded Second Amendment rights.

Before the ink was even dry on Polis' signature, gun rights groups sued to reverse two of the measures: raising the buying age for any gun from 18 to 21, and establishing a three-day waiting period between the purchase and receipt of a gun. The courts are already weighing lawsuits over such restrictions in other states.

The new laws, which Democrats pushed through despite late-night filibusters from Republicans, are aimed at quelling rising suicides and youth violence, preventing mass shootings and opening avenues for gun violence victims to sue the long-protected firearm industry. They were enacted just five months after a mass shooting at an LGBTQ club in Colorado Springs.

Supportive lawmakers and citizens alike had tears in their eyes and roared their applause as Polis signed each bill. Colorado has a history of notorious mass shootings, reaching back to the Columbine High School massacre in 1999.

Republicans decried the bills as onerous encroachments on Second Amendment rights that would impede Colorado residents' ability to defend themselves amid a rising statewide crime rate.

NC election ruling: In victories for Republicans, the newly GOP-controlled North Carolina Supreme Court on Friday threw out a previous ruling against gerrymandered voting maps and upheld a photo voter identification law that colleagues had struck down as racially biased.

The partisan gerrymandering ruling should make it significantly easier for the Republican-dominated legislature to help the GOP gain seats in the narrowly divided U.S. House when state lawmakers redraw congressional boundaries for the 2024 elections. Under the current map, Democrats won seven of the state's 14 congressional seats last November.

The court, which became a Republican majority this year following the election of two GOP justices, ruled after taking the unusual step of revisiting redistricting and voter ID opinions made in December by the court's previous iteration, when Democrats held a 4-3 seat advantage. The court held rehearings in March.

Friday's 5-2 rulings also mean that state lawmakers should have greater latitude in drawing General Assembly seat boundaries for the next decade, and that a photo ID mandate approved by the GOP-controlled legislature in late 2018 could be enforced in time for 2024. A federal lawsuit challenging the voter ID law is still pending, however.

Army helicopter collision: Military investigators were making their way to Alaska's interior Friday, one day after a midair collision between two helicopters killed three soldiers and injured a fourth.

The investigative team from Fort Novosel, Alabama, was expected to arrive at the scene of the crash near Healy, Alaska, by Saturday, said John Pennell, a spokesperson for the U.S. Army Alaska.

The AH-64 Apache helicopters were from the 1st Attack Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment at Fort Wainwright, based near Fairbanks.

Biden commutations: President Joe Biden has commuted the sentences of 31 people convicted of nonviolent drug crimes who were serving time in home confinement, the White House announced Friday.

Many would have gotten a lower sentence if they were charged today with the same offense because of changes in the laws. A commuted sentence means they'll spend less time in home confinement.

Those whose sentences were commuted included men and women convicted of drug possession in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi and Texas, and they will all finish serving time June 30.

Sperm donor: A Dutch court Friday banned a man from donating any more of his sperm after he fathered 550 children in the Netherlands and other countries and misled prospective parents about the number of offspring he helped to conceive.

A judge at The Hague District Court ordered the halt in an injunction brought by the mother of a child conceived with the donor's sperm and a foundation representing other parents. The court noted that under Dutch guidelines, sperm donors are allowed to produce a maximum of 25 children with 12 mothers.

‘Ready to drown’ for life in Europe

Tunisia rounds up migrants in flimsy boats making trek

By Mehdi El-Arem and Elaine Ganley
Associated Press

The Tunisian Maritime National Guard stops migrants, mainly from sub-Saharan Africa, on April 18 in the Mediterranean Sea during an attempt to get to Italy. **AP**

OFF THE COAST OF SFAX, Tunisia — A young man wearing a baseball cap emblazoned with “Dior,” women clutching babies wrapped in blankets, children bundled in winter coats. All gingerly stepped from rickety boats into the sturdy craft of the Tunisian Maritime National Guard — and away from their dreams of life in Europe.

Cold, wet and heartbroken, they are among hundreds caught daily in overnight sweeps for migrant boats on the Mediterranean Sea.

“Sit down! Sit down! Sit down!”

The order confirmed the group was no longer in charge of their destiny. A woman sobbed.

On an overnight expedition with the National Guard last week, The Associated Press witnessed migrants pleading to continue their journeys to Italy in unseaworthy vessels, some taking on water. Over 14 hours, 372 people were plucked from the fragile boats.

Migrants, mainly from sub-Saharan Africa, are undertaking the perilous journey in unprecedented numbers.

In the first three months of this year, 13,000 migrants were forced from their boats off the eastern Tunisian port city of Sfax, the main launching point. Between 2021 and 2022, the number of migrants heading to Europe, mostly to Italy but also to Malta, nearly doubled.

In a single day in March, a record 2,900 migrants were stopped in the Sfax region, the nearby coastal city of Mahdia and the Kerkennah Islands, off the Sfax coast, said National Guard Brig. Gen. Sabeur Younes.

Migration to Europe has been on an upward climb, peaking in 2022 to 189,620, according to the International Organization for Migration. That’s the most since 2016, when close to 400,000 left their homelands, and one year after more than 1 million people, mostly Syrians fleeing war, sought refuge in 2015.

For many sub-Saharan Africans — who don’t need a visa to travel to Tunisia — the North African country serves as a steppingstone to Europe, while others come from Libya, which shares a border with Tunisia.

Each night, National Guard vessels comb the waters.

Pulling out the dead is the grimmest part of the job. Already this year more than 800 people have lost their lives trying to cross the central Mediterranean, the International Organization for Migration said Thursday. The Tunisian coast alone saw hundreds of deaths last year.

This week, Sfax officials were rushing to bury some 90 bodies washed up on beaches in the Sfax region in recent days, the official TAP news agency reported Tuesday. The morgue at the main hospital is full, making burials critical.

The groups of people plucked from the water during numerous sorties by small crafts are collected on a waiting National Guard mother ship and returned to Sfax.

Considered victims, not lawbreakers, those stopped en route are set free at the port, many to try again.

As of Monday, 36,610 migrants — including 2,882 Tunisians — had reached Italy since the start of the year. That is about four times the number who arrived in each of the two previous years, the Italian Interior Ministry said. Many head to Lampedusa, an island south of Sicily, some 110 miles from Sfax, a voyage that requires large measures of desperation and bravado.

“We are ready to drown and die to improve our situation,” said a Syrian who identified himself only as Mohamed, fearful of revealing his full name. “You know the situation in Syria, war and instability.”

Italy is trying to stem the flow from Tunisia and stabilize the North African country in the midst of its deepest economic crisis in a generation, with growing social and political tensions. This month Rome declared a state of emergency to help cope with the influx, then sweetened pressure on Tunisia, vowing investments plus help in tough negotiations for an International Monetary Fund loan.

But those incentives won’t stop the furious drive by people from sub-Saharan Africa and a booming business in cheaper metal boats that have fed the surge in migration from Tunisia.

Sub-Saharan Africans, some living illegally in Tunisia for years, began trying to make a quick exit after Tunisia’s increasingly authoritarian President Kais Saied demanded measures in February to crack down on Black Africans, claiming they are part of a plot to erase his country’s identity.

Many sub-Saharan Africans looked toward Europe as a getaway.

“If a Black man does something bad in Tunisia, then Tunisians see us all as bad and chase us away,” said a man from Ivory Coast who refused to give his name over concerns about the situation for Black Africans in Tunisia. “It’s not logical. We are all humans.”

Younes suggested that the furor over sub-Saharan Africans contributed to increased attempted crossings.

“After what happened, voila,” he said. “They no longer have the means to stay here.”

But another factor has enticed people to risk their lives for Europe.

Flimsy, hand-made metal boats — cheaper but less stable than wooden vessels — began appearing on the seas last year and quickly became a flourishing business.

Arrests are made, “but unfortunately there are always other artisans to build them,” Younes said.

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ARTS & LIVING

Priyanka Chopra Jonas stars in "Citadel." **AMAZON PRIME VIDEO PHOTOS**

REVIEW 'CITADEL' ★★

Banter can't save this heavy-handed spy series

By Nina Metz
Chicago Tribune

Richard Madden, left, and Stanley Tucci in "Citadel."

An espionage series from Amazon, "Citadel" stars Richard Madden and Priyanka Chopra Jonas as spies working for a shadowy organization that is loyal to no man or nation, only to "the safety and security of all people."

Something like "The Avengers" I guess, sans superhero costumes.

Streamers have gone full-bore on spy stories in recent months, and the quality runs the gamut. "Citadel" isn't unwatchable, but it doesn't make much of a case for itself, either. The show's creator is David Weil (who also created "Hunters" for Amazon). Other key executive producers here are Anthony and Joseph Russo, aka the Russo Bros., who gave the world a couple of "Avengers" movies among their many projects, but more recently "The Gray Man" for Netflix, which Joe Russo antiseptically described as "business-focused content."

That appears to be the philosophy for "Citadel" as well, which feels like a compilation of recycled ideas churned out by artificial intelligence.

On a train speeding through the Italian Alps, we meet the aforementioned spies, Mason and Nadia. Their target has some luggage of interest: "Our intel says he's carrying highly enriched uranium in that case and he's intending to sell it to any number of nefarious bidders," says their tech ace Bernard (Stanley Tucci) via earpiece.

Tucci — *the great Stanley Tucci* — deserves better dialogue than this. But the opening scenes play almost as an intentional spoof of spy tropes. Almost. Nadia opens her purse to discover that Bernard has loaded it with Bondian gadgets disguised as makeup: "The compact can track a target a mile away. The perfume is a localized explosive." What about the lipstick, she asks? "Lipstick," he replies with a shrug. "Nothing more dangerous to a pervy old man than red lips."

It's a scene that's teetering on the edge of parody, but tonally the show can't seem to decide either way. When the operation goes wrong, a massive gunfight ensues. Then the train explodes and derails. All are presumed dead.

Mason and Nadia do survive, as it turns out. But their memories did not.

The story picks back up eight years later. The pair are Citadel's only remaining field agents, now living banal lives. Bernard tracks them down and after something along the lines of "Surprise! You used to be a spy!" they're tossed back into service against an organization run by "the wealthiest families from around the world who built their own spy network to manipulate world events." Tucci isn't asked to do anything out of the ordinary, but he's a lot of fun playing mirthful, self-assured characters whose sole purpose is to guide the story's leads along the way. Lesley Manville plays a British ambassador to the U.S. who is up to no good — like, *really* bad stuff — and she classes up a fundamentally ridiculous role and makes a meal of it.

Amazon provided the first half of the season to critics, so I can't say if it finds its narrative footing by the end of its six-episode run. The show's violence is brutal, and I know for some audiences that's a selling point (not for me). The two leads are competent enough, although Madden was doing far more interesting work in 2018's "Bodyguard," yet another series in which he was reluctantly tasked with a high stakes job.

"Citadel" is formulaic and busy — *splashy* — yet still manages to be kind of dull. Some of that is baked into the premise: "You wouldn't know we existed, but we helped shape every major event for good in the past hundred years," Bernard says of Citadel's heyday. "We're the good guys," Mason surmises.

It's the narrative equivalent of someone patting you on the head and saying, "We're in charge, and if there's any saving to be done, only we, the select, elite few, are the ones to do it."

This is the messaging superhero stories and cop shows perpetuate to our detriment, forever asserting the myth that anyone else, particularly organized groups of regular people on the ground, are powerless — and pointless. My theory: These stories aren't happening by accident. Why would Hollywood want to give us any bright ideas?

So instead we're given "business-focused content." That's not an exciting way into a story, but a deeply cynical one.

Where to watch: Amazon

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8 THINGS TO DO AROUND CHICAGO

Maná, Sasha Velour and a spring sale at The Mart

Chicago Tribune

Maná: The Mexican pop band and one of the best-selling Latin music artists ever is coming to Chicago — the México Lindo Y Querido tour is at the United Center this weekend. *April 29 at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St.; 800-745-3000 and www.ticketmaster.com*

"The Big Reveal Live Show!": Sasha Velour hosts evenings of drag and storytelling, this weekend only in Chicago, in celebration of her new book "The Big Reveal: An Illustrated Manifesto of Drag." The New York-based Velour was the winner of the ninth season of "RuPaul's Drag Race" and last toured through Illinois with her show "Smoke & Mirrors." *April 29-30 at the Broadway Playhouse, 175 E. Chestnut St.; tickets from $66 at 800-775-2000 and www.broadwayinchicago.com*

Poetry Fest: This free event features poetry readings, workshops and exhibitors. A Haiku Fest starts off the morning, with youth poets reading their original works. Avery r. young, who was named the city's first Poet Laureate, will give the event's keynote address. If you want to show off your own work, an open mic session will close out the festivities. *9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 29 at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.; free, more information at chipublib.bibliocommons.com/events*

Logan Square Volunteer Fair: Bad weather led to this event, originally slated for April 16, to be rescheduled. Learn about local nonprofits and community organizations that are looking for volunteers in Logan Square and surrounding neighborhoods. Participating organizations are involved in a variety of areas, including homelessness, animal rescue, the environment and literacy. *11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 30 at Pilot Project Brewing, 2140 N. Milwaukee Ave.; free, more information at eventbrite.com*

Maná singer Fher Olvera performs during a concert in Mexico City in 2022. **MARCO UGARTE/AP**

One of a Kind Spring Show: If you love art and handmade goods, this event is for you. The show will feature about 300 artists, makers and designers from across North America selling accessories, paintings, ceramics, home goods, photography, fashion, jewelry, sculpture, furniture, pet products and more. *10 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 29 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 30 on the 7th floor of The Mart, 222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza; tickets are $15 for all three days, more information at oneofakindshowchicago.com*

The Other Art Fair: More than 100 artists from around the world will showcase their work at this event, which will also feature immersive installations, performances and DJs. There will also be a bar and an outdoor lounge with food and drinks, including Soul & Smoke and Fat Miilk. *11 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 29 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 30 at Artifact Events, 4325 N. Ravenswood Ave.; tickets are $20 at theotherartfair.com*

A return for "Van Gogh": Now at Lighthouse Immersive, your ticket to the new "Mozart Immersive: The Soul of A Genius" will also gain you admission to "Immersive Van Gogh," which recently concluded a two-year engagement but is back by popular demand. "Mozart Immersive" begins with the composer as a boy and is set to strains of his "Don Giovanni," "The Magic Flute" and other greatest-hits selections. The two shows will be running in rotation from May 1. *At Lighthouse ArtSpace Chicago, 108 W. Germania Pl.; tickets from $27 at mozartimmersive.com*

"The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show": In the hands of a Chicago Children's Theatre cast, Eric Carle's timeless picture book comes to life with the help of 75 puppets. The show also features three other Carle stories for young audiences, including "Brown Bear, Brown Bear," "10 Little Rubber Ducks" and "The Very Busy Spider." *Through June 4 at Chicago Children's Theatre at the Station, 100 S. Racine Ave.; chicagochildrenstheatre.org*

CELEBRITIES

Corden ends 'Late Late Show' run

From news services

James Corden used part of his farewell speech on Thursday's final episode of CBS' "The Late Late Show" to address the deep rift in America over hot-button issues, including politics and ideology.

"We started this show with Obama, then Trump and a global pandemic. I've watched America change a lot. I've watched divisions grow, and I've felt a sense of negativity boil over," said the host. He implored his audience to "remember what America signifies to the rest of the world. My entire life, it has always been a place of optimism. ... Yes, it has flaws but show me a place that doesn't. Show me a person that doesn't.

"Just because somebody disagrees with you, it doesn't make them bad or evil. We are all more the same than we are different. There are so many people who are trying to stoke those differences, and we have to try as best we can to look for the light, look for the joy. If you do, it's out there. That's all this show has ever been about," he said.

Corden announced a year ago that he would be ending his late-night show after eight seasons, citing a desire to return to his native U.K. to be closer to family and loved ones.

On Thursday, CBS also aired a prime-time special "The Last Last Late Late Show Special" featuring taped segments with Tom Cruise, where he and Corden performed stunts and sang "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" from "The Lion King," and Adele, where they taped a final Carpool Karaoke segment.

Harry Styles and Will Ferrell were Corden's final guests.

"As a friend, I'm so incredibly proud of you," Styles told Corden. "On a personal note, you've been a safe space to me always as a friend." He added that he was "selfishly very excited that you're coming home." Styles, Corden and Ferrell then embraced in a group hug.

James Corden, who has ended his tenure as host after eight seasons, is seen Thursday on "The Late Late Show" set. CBS

There were also goodbyes from the other late-night hosts. Seth Meyers, Jimmy Kimmel, Jimmy Fallon, Stephen Colbert and David Letterman appeared in a taped segment. They joked that since Corden was ending his show, they could each call dibs on one of his segments.

Corden closed out the night by playing a piano and singing a song with the crew and staff gathered around the stage.

'Red Table Talk' canceled: "Red Table Talk" — the talk show co-hosted by Jada Pinkett Smith, Adrienne Banfield-Norris and Willow Smith — has been canceled by Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram.

According to Deadline, the company is shutting down its Facebook Watch original programs. The channel also released shows starring Steve Harvey, Taraji P. Henson and Tom Brady.

Produced by Westbrook Studios, which is owned by Pinkett-Smith and husband Will Smith, "Red Table Talk" became a pop culture touchstone and digital destination for celebrities to unload their burdens in a safe, nonjudgmental environment.

Westbrook Studios is reportedly looking for a new distributor for "Red Table Talk."

April 29 birthdays: Singer Willie Nelson is 90. Singer Duane Allen is 80. Singer Tommy James is 76. Comedian Jerry Seinfeld is 69. Actor Kate Mulgrew is 68. Actor Daniel Day-Lewis is 66. Actor Michelle Pfeiffer is 65. Actor Eve Plumb is 65. Singer Carnie Wilson is 55. Actor Uma Thurman is 53. Rapper Master P is 53. Singer Erica Campbell is 51.

ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Parent haunted by her folks' creepy friend

Dear Amy: My parents are wonderful people. They have a long-time friend, "Roger," who is a heavy drinker and doesn't have a family of his own. He doesn't seem to reciprocate their friendship, and they seem to accept Roger as something of a family member — he's just someone who is often around.

I am a 40-year-old woman and have known Roger all of my life. When I was a teenager he repeatedly made leering and gross comments to me; I knew he'd been drinking and didn't know what to do about it, so I did my best to avoid him. Once I went to college, it was easy to do, but on visits home, Roger often seemed to find a way to sexually harass me.

I never told my parents.

Last year, my husband and I decided to move back to my hometown. We have a teenage daughter and a younger son. We moved back home to spend more time with my folks, who are getting up in years. Roger is still around, and doesn't seem to have changed at all.

I don't want to control my parents, but I don't want my daughter to be exposed to the same harassment I experienced. I'd appreciate your ideas about how to handle this.

— *Harassed Mom*

Dear Harassed: Talk to your daughter. Tell her about your own experience. Tell her that you never told your folks about being harassed, but that if she ever experiences anything like this, you would like her to tell you.

You've been sitting on this for 20 years or so, and I think it's time to have a chat with "Roger."

If you see him and discern that he hasn't changed, tell him, "You harassed me when I was younger and I didn't say anything about it, but I'm letting you know that if this happens again — or if you say anything even slightly inappropriate to my kids — you'll have to deal with me."

Do not expect Roger to acknowledge his behavior or apologize to you. (He may not remember — or claim not to remember — due to his drinking.)

He may choose to bring this up to your folks. If so, you can let them know that you don't want to burden them with this and have decided to handle it like the strong and capable adult they raised you to be.

Keep in mind that when it comes to weddings, the groom's preferences are often outnumbered by the bride, her family and his parents.

Dear Amy: We learned that my long-divorced nephew was engaged to his girlfriend, whom we have not met.

In a congratulatory card, we asked them to inform us when they set the date so we could book the flights. A month ago, my nephew informed me they had decided to elope at some point. I told him we would love to meet them for dinner on a trip we plan for later this year, and they agreed.

This month, invitations were received by my many siblings for a summer wedding. We did not receive one — and I doubt it was lost in the mail.

Knowing that I am not a favorite of my nephew's mom (since her developing early dementia), it was not a surprise — except for his story about eloping.

While I am prepared to send $1,000 like we gave to a niece on my wife's side, my wife disagrees because we were invited to and attended her niece's wedding. Should I contact my nephew or his dad, my oldest brother?

I am inclined to just let it go and send the gift, but what's your take?

— *Disappointed*

Dear Disappointed: I think you jumped the gun when you responded to this engagement by assuming they'd be having a wedding and that you'd be invited.

I suggest reaching out to your nephew and saying, "I don't want to pressure you, but I'm just trying to clarify whether we've been invited to your wedding?"

This is extremely awkward, but keep in mind that when it comes to weddings, the groom's preferences are often outnumbered by the bride, her family and his parents.

And yes — if you can afford to be this generous to all of your nephews and nieces, I think you should send a check.

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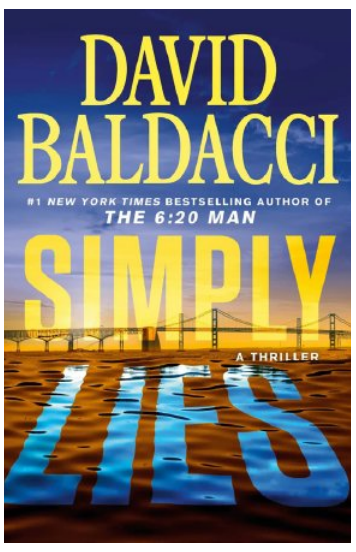
NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Simply Lies" by David Baldacci (Grand Central) *Last week: —*



2. "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano (Dial) *Last week: 4*

3. "Dark Angel" by John Sandford (Putnam) *Last week: 1*

4. "It Ends With Us" by Colleen Hoover (Atria) *Last week: —*

5. "Hang the Moon" by Jeannette Walls (Scribner) *Last week: 5*

6. "Where Are the Children Now?" by Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke (Simon & Schuster) *Last week: —*

7. "Things I Wish I Told My Mother: The Most Emotional Mother-Daughter Novel in Years" by Susan Patterson, Susan DiLallo and James Patterson (Little, Brown) *Last week: 3*

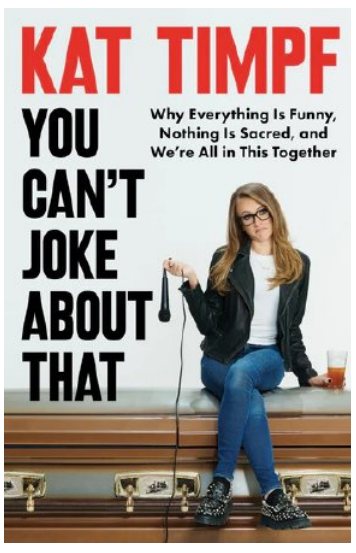
8. "Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin (Knopf) *Last week: 6*

9. "City of Dreams" by Don Winslow (Morrow) *Last week: —*

10. "Romantic Comedy" by Curtis Sittenfeld (Random House) *Last week: 8*

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "You Can't Joke About That: Why Everything Is Funny, Nothing Is Sacred, and We're All in This Together" by Kat Timpf (Broadside) *Last week: —*



2. "The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder" by David Grann (Doubleday) *Last week: —*

3. "Meals She Eats: Empowering Advice, Relatable Stories, and Over 25 Recipes to Take Control of Your PCOS" by Tom Sullivan and Rachael Sullivan (Alpha) *Last week: —*

4. "Tasting History: Explore the Past through 4,000 Years of Recipes (A Cookbook)" by Max Miller (Simon Element) *Last week: —*

5. "Outlive: The Science and Art of Longevity" by Peter Attia and Bill Gifford (Harmony) *Last week: 1*

6. "Rachael's Good Eats: Easy, Laid-Back, Nutrient-Rich Recipes" by Rachael Devaux (Griffin) *Last week: —*

7. "The Creative Act: A Way of Being" by Rick Rubin (Penguin Press) *Last week: 9*

8. "So God Made a Mother: Tender, Proud, Strong, Faithful, Known, Beautiful, Worthy, and Unforgettable — Just Like You" by Leslie Means (Tyndale Momentum) *Last week: —*

9. "The Wisdom of the Bullfrog: Leadership Made Simple (But Not Easy)" by William H. McRaven (Grand Central) *Last week: 3*

10. "I'm Glad My Mom Died" by Jennette McCurdy (Simon & Schuster) *Last week: 5*

For the week ended April 22, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

— Publishers Weekly

MUSIC REVIEWS

Tiesto's set of body movers all hit

As electronic dance music is heading to a hellscape of generic beats, veteran DJ Tiesto manages to claw in some fresh tunes on his seventh studio album, "Drive."

The 12 tracks are a pleasant bag of old-school remixes, new collaborations and recent singles — not all floor-to-ceiling bangers, but a good enough proportion to keep the party going.

"Lay Low" is the latest single, a certified bop, which takes the catchier church choir vibe of a recent hit song (rhymes with "lowly") and mixes it with a sinister autotune to great effect. "10:35" featuring Tate McRae needs no introduction, as the song with great bass is matched by the perfect vocals. Its companion piece on the record is "The Motto" with Ava Max, which blends the beat and the voice in a similar way without sounding alike.

"All Nighter" is a good techno jam that is not quite old school, not quite new school, while "Back Around" with AR/CO is a dreamy, slow dance that gets under your skin. "Chills (LA Hills)" with a Boogie wit da Hoodie subverts expectations by alternating between EDM and trap on a solid beat. The lively "Bet My Dollar" is heightened and anchored by Freya Ridings' unique vocals. Like a surprise flavor in the remix candy store, the Black Eyed Peas' classic club anthem "Pump It Louder" is reworked with deeper bass to great effect.

Tiesto doesn't miss with this slew of body movers, but he's probably best enjoyed alfresco at a club. — *Cristina Jaleru, Associated Press*

'DRIVE'
Tiesto (Atlantic Records)

'SONGS OF WHITE LION'
By Mike Tramp (Frontiers)

In "Songs Of White Lion," Mike Tramp, the former singer of White Lion, rerecords some of the hair metal heroes' greatest hits. On the one hand, this is some of the finest music of the genre, and it's great to have these songs back in circulation. On the other hand, Tramp is now 62, and the voice that powered hits like "Tell Me," "Wait," "Little Fighter" and "When the Children Cry" is just not there anymore.

To his credit, Tramp doesn't reach for what's not available. But singing these high-energy hits an octave lower robs them of a good deal of their energy and immediacy.

His backing band, led by guitarist Marcus Nand, does a creditable job with these songs, but Nand is no Vito Bratta, whose bombastic fretwork is such an integral part of the White Lion sound.

"Lady of the Valley" kicks off the album with a longtime concert staple, but it's the first of many times where Tramp's toned-down vocals keep the track from truly igniting. "When the Children Cry," the acoustic classic that remains a radio staple today, becomes a piano ballad here.

If White Lion fans cry when they hear this, let 'em know he at least tried. — *Wayne Parry, Associated Press*

Cecile McLorin Salvant's musical vocabulary is a marvel, and not only because she sings in four languages on "Melusine." The ambitious concept album mixes original tunes and inventive interpretations of material dating back as far as the 12th century into a potpourri that draws from jazz, Broadway, the Caribbean and more.

The album was inspired by a European fable involving a hunting accident, pivotal bathing scenes and a marriage that goes sour. (Spoiler alert: The wife turns into a dragon.) It's confusing but fascinating, like a dream about a dream.

Somehow, despite the unwieldy scope of the 45-minute set, Salvant never hits a false note. Whether the words are in French, English, Occitan or Haitian Creole, she sings them beautifully, navigating tricky melodies with the ease of Ella Fitzgerald and a playfulness that enhances Salvant's astute sense of theatricality.

Piano-led accompaniment is stellar, but sometimes so spare the tap of a cymbal shifts the mood. "Est-ce ainsi que les hommes vivent?" evokes a late-night lament in a Left Bank cafe, and "D'un feu secret" is delicate baroque with synthesizers. The cabaret dance tune "Doudou" rides a Latin groove, while the swinging "Fenestra" has antecedents in Africa and Brazil.

The lyrics are compelling, whatever the language. Time is an assassin, Salvant sings. To cease loving is to cease living. — *Steven Wine, Associated Press*

What to watch

SATURDAY

April 29, 2023

All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

NFL Draft: Rounds 4-7

ESPN, ABC & NFL Network, 11 a.m. Live

The NFL Draft in Kansas City concludes with selections in Rounds 4-7 today.

XFL Football: Semifinal

ESPN2, 6 p.m. Live

Two of the four teams that have qualified for the XFL playoffs meet tonight with a berth in the May 13 championship game at stake.

NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs: Round 1

ABC & ESPN, 7 p.m. Live

ABC and ESPN each air a primetime game from the first round of the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs tonight.

Hearts in the Game

Hallmark Channel, 7 p.m. ■ Original Film

Hazel (Erin Cahill) is a top publicist in New York City looking to build her empire. Diego (Marco Grazzini) is a top MLB pitcher who froze during Game 7 of the World Series. He was also the guy who broke Hazel's heart in high school. When Hazel is tasked with spinning Diego's image, it might turn out to be her biggest challenge, professionally and personally, as she takes him back to their hometown in Ohio.

Critter Fixers: Country Vets

Nat Geo Wild, 8 p.m.; also streams on Disney+

In "Feeling Lucky," the docs at Critter Fixer use humor and other de-stressing techniques to cope with the high-stakes challenges of aiding a rat attacked by a dog, removing a ruptured egg from a beautiful bird and saving a canine from a life-threatening condition. Lighter visits include a puppy's first exam, a cat losing fur, a guinea pig with an eye scratch, a constipated tortoise and a bearded dragon gender-reveal party.

'Hearts in the Game'

ALLISTER FOSTER

CATCH A CLASSIC

Joan Crawford Cult Classics Double Feature

MOVIES!, beginning at 10:15 a.m.

Two of the films Joan Crawford made later in her career, following her appearance alongside Bette Davis in 1962's What Ever Happened to Baby Jane? – and when there was a sort of trend in casting middle-aged actresses in similarly campy/horrific films – are on today's MOVIES! lineup. First is **Berserk!** (1967), which was the star's second-to-last feature film. The horror thriller finds Crawford playing a circus owner whose authority is challenged when a killer targets her show. Following that is 1964's **Strait-Jacket (pictured),** a psychological thriller in which Crawford plays a woman who, after 20 years in an asylum following the double murder of her husband and his lover with an ax, is released, only to find herself a suspect in a new series of ax murders.

COLUMBIA PICTURES

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE

'Central Intelligence'

CLAIRE FOLGER

The In-Laws (1979, Comedy) Peter Falk, Alan Arkin **TCM, 5 p.m.**

Friday (1995, Comedy) Ice Cube, Chris Tucker **E!, 5:30 p.m.**

Baywatch (2017, Comedy) Dwayne Johnson, Zac Efron **FX, 7 p.m.**

Local Hero (1983, Comedy) Burt Lancaster, Peter Riegert **TCM, 7 p.m.**

True Lies (1994, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis **AMC, 7 p.m.**

Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (2009, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Derek Luke **BET, 7 p.m.**

Forrest Gump (1994, Comedy-drama) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright **VH1, 8 p.m.**

Godzilla vs. Kong (2021, Science fiction) Alexander Skarsgard, Millie Bobby Brown **TBS, 8 p.m.**

Enemy of the State (1998, Suspense) Will Smith, Gene Hackman **IFC, 8:30 p.m.**

Central Intelligence (2016, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart **Comedy Central, 9 p.m.**

Crossing Delancey (1988, Romance-comedy) Amy Irving, Reizl Bozyk **TCM, 9 p.m.**

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Shields pats herself on shoulder for career success in docuseries

By Brooke Lefferts
Associated Press

Brooke Shields, seen Jan. 21, is the subject of the docuseries "Pretty Baby: Brooke Shields." TAYLOR JEWELL/INVISION

Brooke Shields has been known as beautiful, smart and famous since she was a baby, but a new documentary reveals why it has taken decades for her to feel confident in her talent.

With a dazzling array of archival photos and footage, and in-depth interviews with Shields, "Pretty Baby: Brooke Shields" is a firsthand examination of her success as a model, actor, author and now lifestyle entrepreneur, despite being sexualized and objectified at a young age and managing her alcoholic mother — the original "momager," Teri Shields.

"Pretty Baby" includes a cringeworthy barrage of media clips where mostly older men reduce her to a pretty face and have little interest in her answers to their questions. The film, now streaming in two parts on Hulu, looks back at how women were treated in the 1980s and 1990s — including Shields revealing she was the victim of a sexual assault by a Hollywood executive after she graduated college.

This interview with Shields, 58, has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: In the series you say "I'm owning my identity fully." What did you mean?

A: I made myself small for so long, either to be relatable or to not be threatening or humbled, you know? Don't be a snob. Don't be arrogant. Have people like you. Be kind to everyone. It was like, this is the way I grew up, and I was rewarded for it. I'm saying that it's OK to pat myself on the shoulder a little bit. It's OK to say I really do have talent because I wouldn't still be here if I didn't. It's not just because I'm smart or just because I look a certain way. I've maintained a career and kept challenging myself, and I don't think I ever felt confident enough to say it out loud. I always just wanted other people's approval about my talent, never thinking that I could give it to myself.

Q: What was the hardest part to reveal in the documentary?

A: I was worried about the #MeToo stuff just because I didn't want it to be reduced to just a headline. And yet I knew that if I didn't, I would have felt like a hypocrite or inauthentic. I haven't been able to talk about it up until now, and then it felt like, you sort of owe it to yourself. And I just hoped that out of two hours and however many minutes, the one brief story — I mean, I knew it's going to be clickbait — but I was worried that I would get let down again by the press.

Q: It sounds like compartmentalizing was a survival technique for you.

A: I think that happens with a child of an alcoholic. You know, you really do learn to compartmentalize. You love a person who is very broken and has a disease that they cannot seem to get under control. But you can't afford to have their love not be real. So you learn, when things felt ... not in control ... I would become very organized, and that sort of was my center, that was my meditation, you know, redoing my Filofax or refolding my socks.

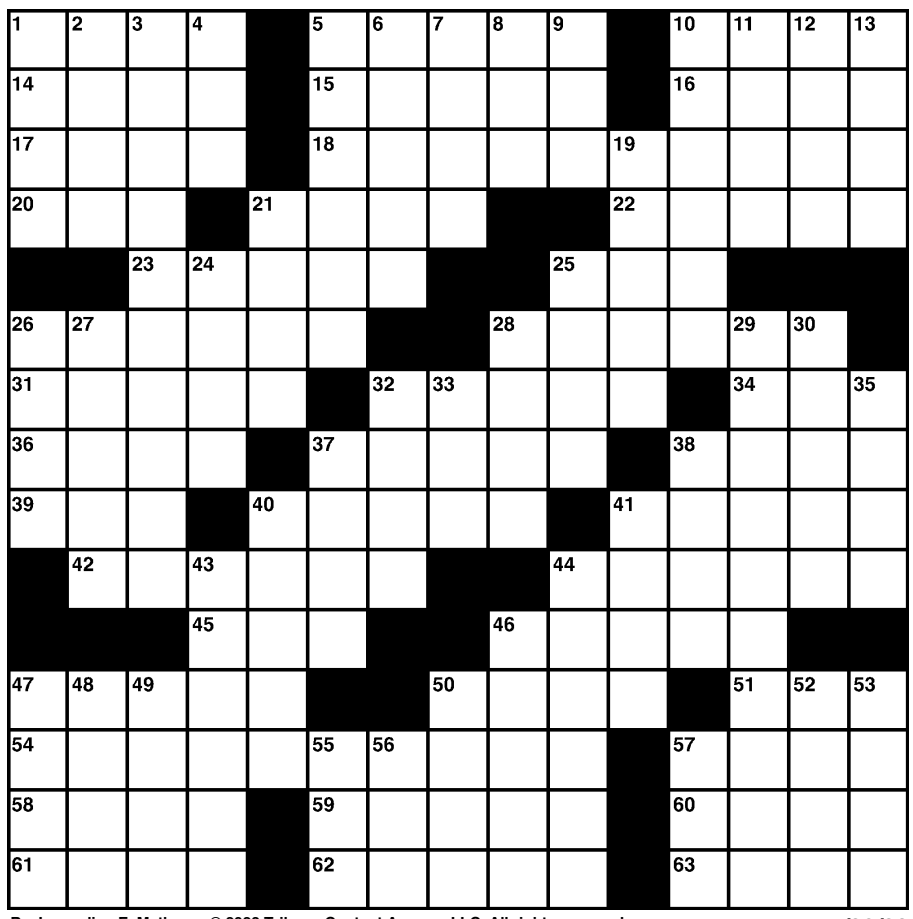
Q: You started a company aimed at celebrating women's lives after 40. Why is that important to you?

A: I decided at an early age that if I was going to speak about anything, it was going to be about things that I believe that could help other people. Over the years I've thought, how can I not feel alone? I can share my story, and I'm sure there's someone else who can identify with it. ... You have to own how hard it is just to get to this age, and with your wits about you, and good people in your life and how much more there is.

Q: What are your dreams now?

A: To be in another television show. I really want to find the right (one) because "Suddenly Susan" to me was such a revelation, and it was the happiest time for me. And I want to feel that whole thing again because it was a very healthy, pure place for me to be. And I really, really loved it.

Crossword



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ACROSS

1 Winter Olympics sport
5 Lawful, for short
10 Prefix for way or bishop
14 Tennis racket shape
15 Escape detection by
16 Reign
17 Salon offering
18 Warning
20 Droop
21 Anthology entries
22 Tolkien's "The Lord of the __"
23 Birch tree variety
25 Two in Tijuana
26 __ moment; memory lapse
28 Of the mind
31 Change slightly
32 "Guilty" & "Not guilty"
34 Trawler's need
36 Praise
37 Can wrapper
38 Betelgeuse or Polaris
39 Greek letter
40 Knight fight
41 Japanese verse form
42 __ in; register for
44 Cool dessert
45 Feel crummy
46 Yo-Yo's instrument
47 Treat with contempt
50 Pushing up daisies
51 Hired vehicle
54 Walker
57 Carpet density
58 Tallies up
59 More painful
60 Record
61 Egg holder
62 River mammal
63 Bit of ink spatter

DOWN

1 __ off; severs
2 Eye layer
3 Enormous
4 Bark beetle's victim
5 Front-runner
6 Firstborn of two
7 Black Jack & Bazooka
8 Start of wedded bliss
9 Number of zeros in 10 billion
10 Monet or Manet
11 Wreck
12 Wooden-soled shoe
13 Barnyard birds
19 Flat-faced golf clubs
21 Whiff
24 Committed perjury
25 TV's "Let's Make a __"
26 Bargain-hunter's delight
27 Gladden
28 Bump into
29 Standoffish
30 Oozes out
32 Name for a Beatle
33 Scale divisions: abbr.
35 Word of agreement
37 Lounge about
38 Writer __ Bellow
40 Links together
41 __ up; rob at gunpoint
43 Least common
44 More unkind
46 Quit
47 Reach across
48 Relinquish
49 Probability
50 Soil
52 Dog food brand
53 Red veggie
55 Toddler's age
56 Dry __; serious timber problem
57 Circus man Barnum's initials

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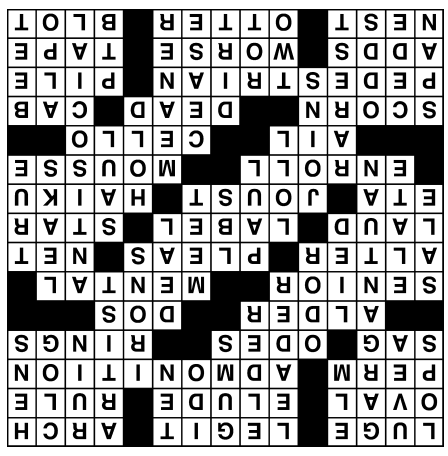

Horoscopes

Today's birthday (April 29): Envision and plan for perfection this year. Coordinated community efforts realize dreams. A productive, creative springtime delights. Your partnership takes a new direction this summer, leading to reinvigorated autumn health, fitness and work. Invent new personal possibilities next winter.
Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Recharge and grow stronger with regular physical practices. Stretch first. Avoid risk or injury. Follow your heartbeat. Incorporate advice from doctors and coaches.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Strengthen basic structures with creative projects. Prioritize time with your sweetheart and family. Take advantage of an unexpected opportunity.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Home improvement projects satisfy. Keep all systems functional. Adapt spaces for recent changes. Make your nest more cozy. Celebrate results with something delicious.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Put the pieces together. Take advantage of a revelation. Network, share the news and collaborate with talented friends. Disciplined communications can have an outsized impact.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Things may seem chaotic. Generate positive cash flow anyway. Reinforce basic structures. Watch for lucrative opportunities following changes.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Reconnect with a sense of purpose or a dream. A personal challenge can feel both draining and inspiring. Invent new possibilities. Follow your heart.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Keep a low profile. Nurture yourself, especially. Schedule carefully to implement your upcoming plans. Notice dreams and unspoken communications.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Recent changes could offer hidden opportunities for your community or team. Investigate the possibilities. Connect with friends to take advantage of a lucky break.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Creativity abounds at work. Refine abstract or vague ideas into specificity. Amplify the heart part. Collaborate for efficiency and ease.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Enjoy an educational journey. Work with someone who sparks your creativity. Dreamy avenues beckon. Dig into delicious inquiries.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Collaborate despite chaos. You may need to juggle a mess to grab an unexpected lucrative opportunity. Share support to maintain positive cash flow.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Connect with your partner. You're on the same wavelength. Despite chaos, distractions or noise, collaborate for quick action for a lucky catch.

— *Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency*

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn

IT'S JUST SO DARN FRESH, SNIFF, SNIFF..
GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FIRST STATE OF THE ONION SPEECH WAS ALSO HIS LAST.
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Bliss By Harry Bliss

"At least one of us enjoys 'mud season'!"

Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

	North ♠ A 9 8 ♥ A 9 2 ♦ K 7 4 ♣ Q 10 5 3	
West ♠ K J 10 6 5 4 ♥ J ♦ Q J 3 ♣ 9 7 6		**East** ♠ 3 ♥ 8 7 6 5 4 ♦ 10 9 8 6 2 ♣ 4 2
	South ♠ Q 7 2 ♥ K Q 10 3 ♦ A 5 ♣ A K J 8	

Today's deal is from a recent competition in Europe. No pair, we are told, reached the excellent six-club contract, and only one declarer was successful in a six no trump contract. That was Czech expert Anatol Filip, South in this deal. The auction is not known to us, so we offer the imperfect auction above.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	2♠	3♠*	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6NT	All pass		

***Club fit, good hand**
Opening lead: Seven of ♣

Filip won the opening club lead and cashed all his clubs. He followed this with four rounds of hearts, leaving this position with West still to discard on the last heart:

	North ♠ A 9 8 ♥ Void ♦ K 7 ♣ Void	
West ♠ K J 10 ♥ Void ♦ Q J 3 ♣ Void		**East** ♠ 3 ♥ Void ♦ 10 9 8 6 ♣ Void
	South ♠ Q 7 2 ♥ Void ♦ A 5 ♣ Void	

What could West do? A spade discard and Filip would simply duck a spade. West shed a diamond, so Filip cashed the ace of diamonds and led a diamond to the king. He led the eight of spades and played low from his hand when East couldn't cover. West won with the 10 but had to lead away from his king of spades and Filip made his contract. Very nice!

— *Bob Jones*
Tribune Content Agency

Grand Avenue By Mike Thompson

RUDY, YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SIT ON THE COUCH!
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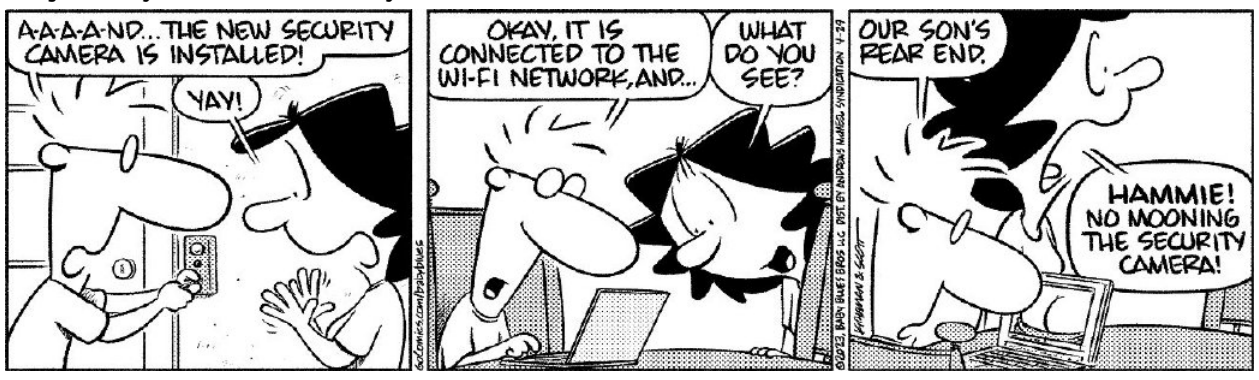
THOMPSON
BUT YOU DID, AND NOW YOUR HAIR IS ALL OVER MY JACKET!
IS THAT ANY WAY TO REACT WHEN A GUY GIVES YOU A FUR COAT?

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott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OKAY, IT IS CONNECTED TO THE WI-FI NETWORK, AND...
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OUR SON'S REAR END.
HAMMIE! NO MOONING THE SECURITY CAMERA!
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Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman

JEREMY, DANCE WITH YOUR MOTHER!
HARD PASS.
YOU WOULDN'T SAY THAT IF YOU'D SEEN ME ON THE DANCE FLOOR!
THERE GOES MY APPETITE.
YOUR DAD CALLED ME "BOOTY-LICIOUS"!
IN FACT, I MAY NEVER EAT AGAIN.

Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin

I ALWAYS TASTE IT FIRST TO MAKE SURE IT'S FRESH
YEA, RIGHT... YUCK! YOU MUST THINK I'M CRAZY!
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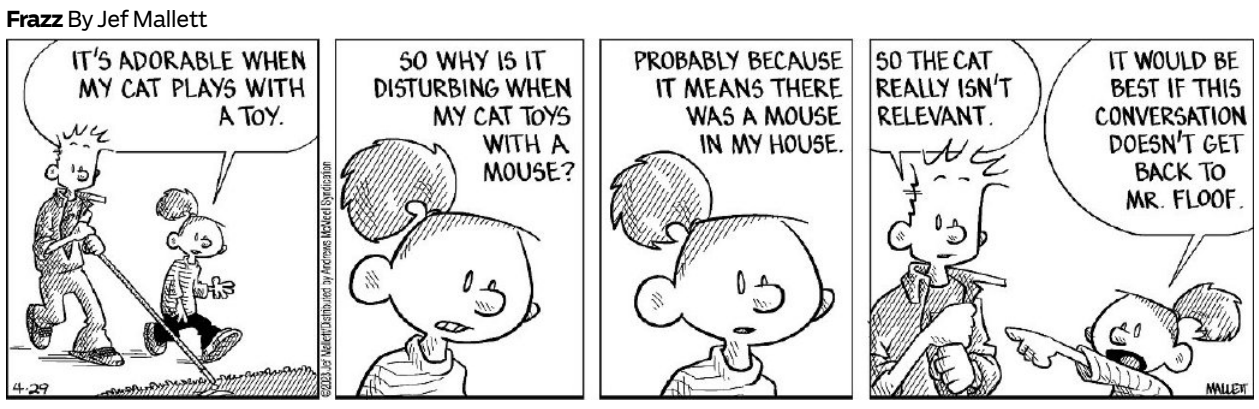
Frazz By Jef Mallett


IT'S ADORABLE WHEN MY CAT PLAYS WITH A TOY.
SO WHY IS IT DISTURBING WHEN MY CAT TOYS WITH A MOUSE?
PROBABLY BECAUSE IT MEANS THERE WAS A MOUSE IN MY HOUSE.
SO THE CAT REALLY ISN'T RELEVANT.
IT WOULD BE BEST IF THIS CONVERSATION DOESN'T GET BACK TO MR. FLOOF.
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MALLETT

Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz

HEY, CAT! I DON'T REALLY APPRECIATE THIS NICK YOU PUT IN MY DOGHOUSE!
BUT I'M GONNA FORGIVE YOU! YOU WANNA KNOW WHY I FORGIVE YOU?
'CAUSE THAT'S THE KIND OF GUY I AM, THAT'S WHY!
JUST DON'T ASK TO BORROW ANY OF MY JONI JAMES RECORDS AGAIN!
SCHULZ

Pickles By Brian Crane

AWW... POOR ROSCOE! YOU DON'T KNOW WHO YOUR GRAMMA AND GRAMPA ARE, DO YOU?
BUT I GUESS MY GRAMMA AND GRAMPA ARE SORT OF LIKE YOUR ADOPTED ONES, AREN'T THEY?
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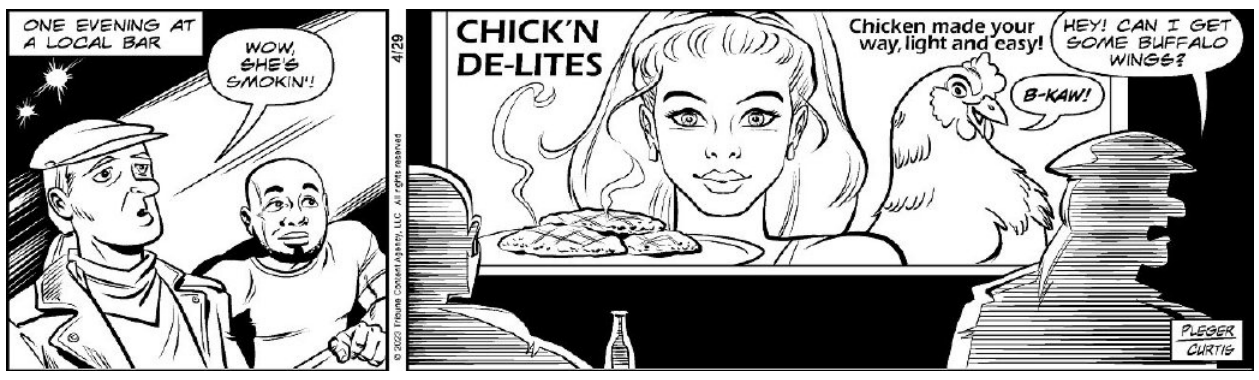
EXCEPT THEY DON'T MAKE YOU DO ANY WORK OR CLEAN UP YOUR MESSES.
HEY!

Dick Tracy By Shelley Pleger and Mike Curtis



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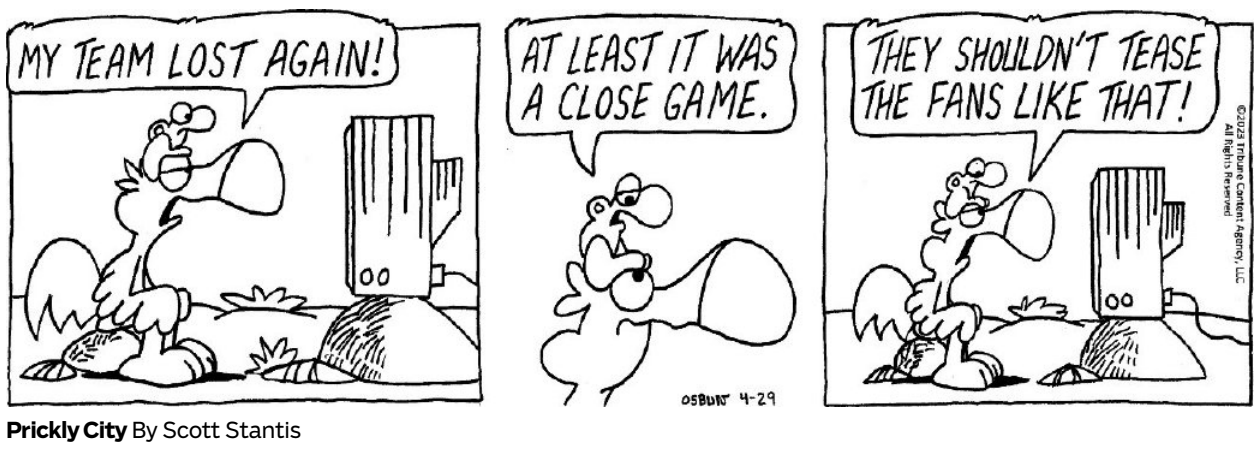
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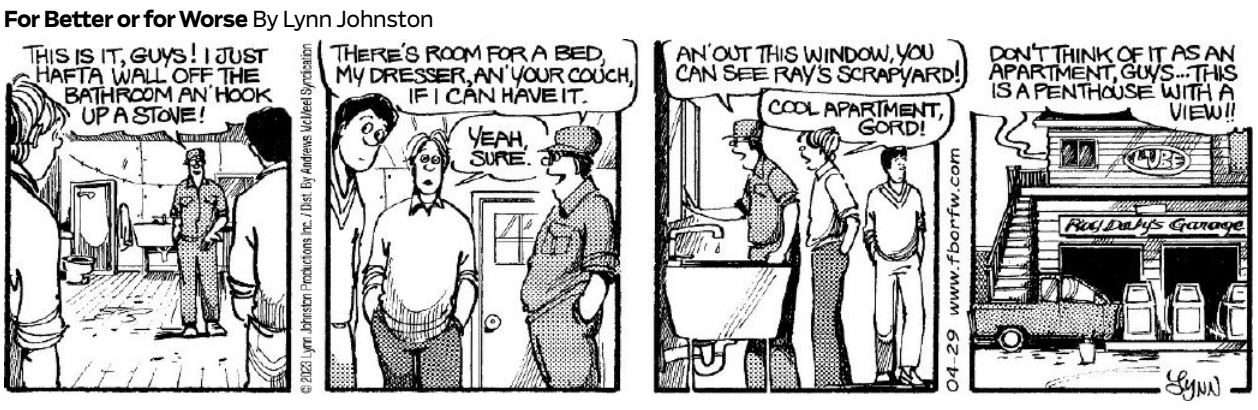
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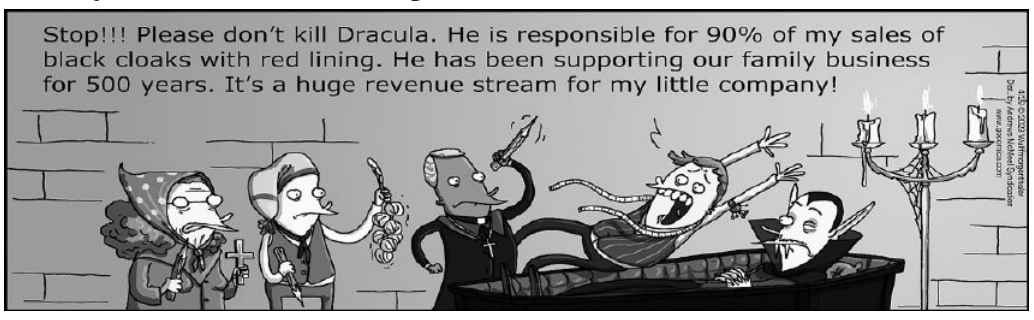
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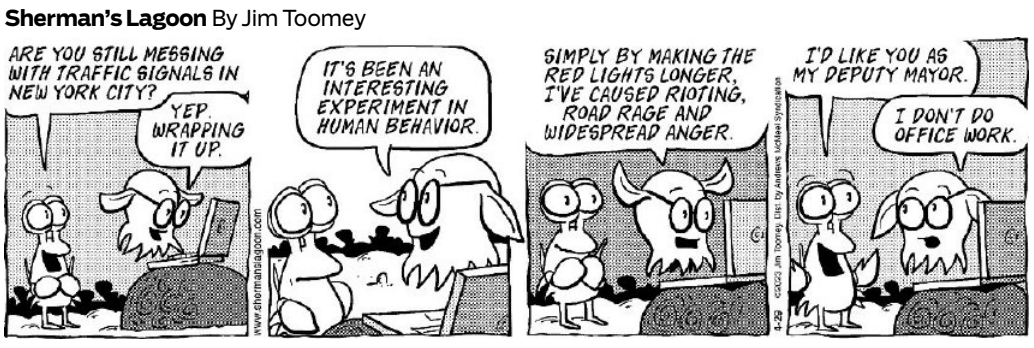
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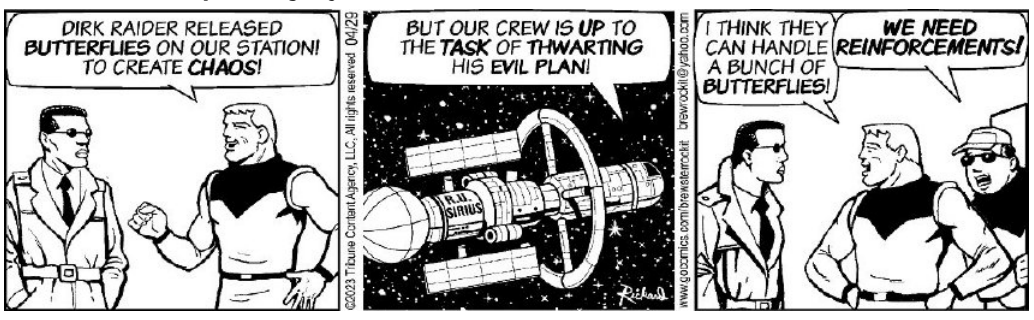
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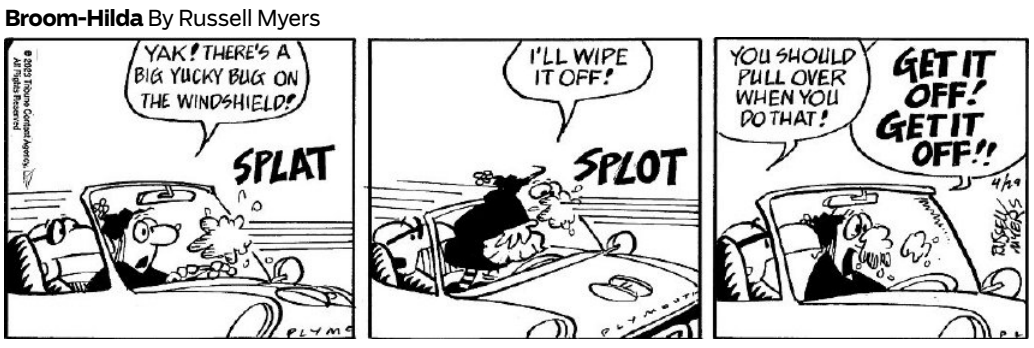
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What is depicted on the national flag of Wales?

A) Blue dolphin
B) Golden lion
C) Red dragon
D) White dove

Friday's answer: Monrovia, capital of Liberia, is named for U.S. President James Monroe.

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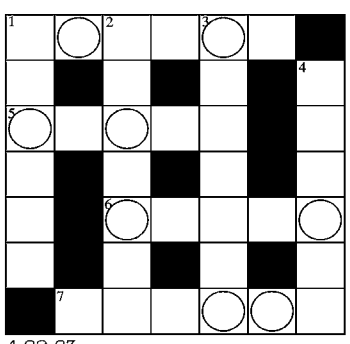
Jumble Crossword



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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Expel	BSAHIN
5. Citrus fruit	EOMNL
6. Happy expression	SIMEL
7. Rise	NCTAES

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ____ Sea	LCTAIB
2. Adversary	EENMISS
3. Break of day	SNRIESU
4. Customer	EILTNC

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: Imperfection or defectiveness

CLUE: Unknown, anonymous

CLUE: "Glengarry Glen Ross" characters

TRIPLE BONUS

The circled letters can be unscrambled to form three different BONUS answers.

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ANSWERS: 1A-Banish 5A-Lemon 6A-Smile 7A-Ascent 1D-Baltic 2D-Nemesis 3D-Sunrise 4D-Client 5-Lameness 6-Nameless 7-Salesman

By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1234

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Friday's solutions

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Friday's answers

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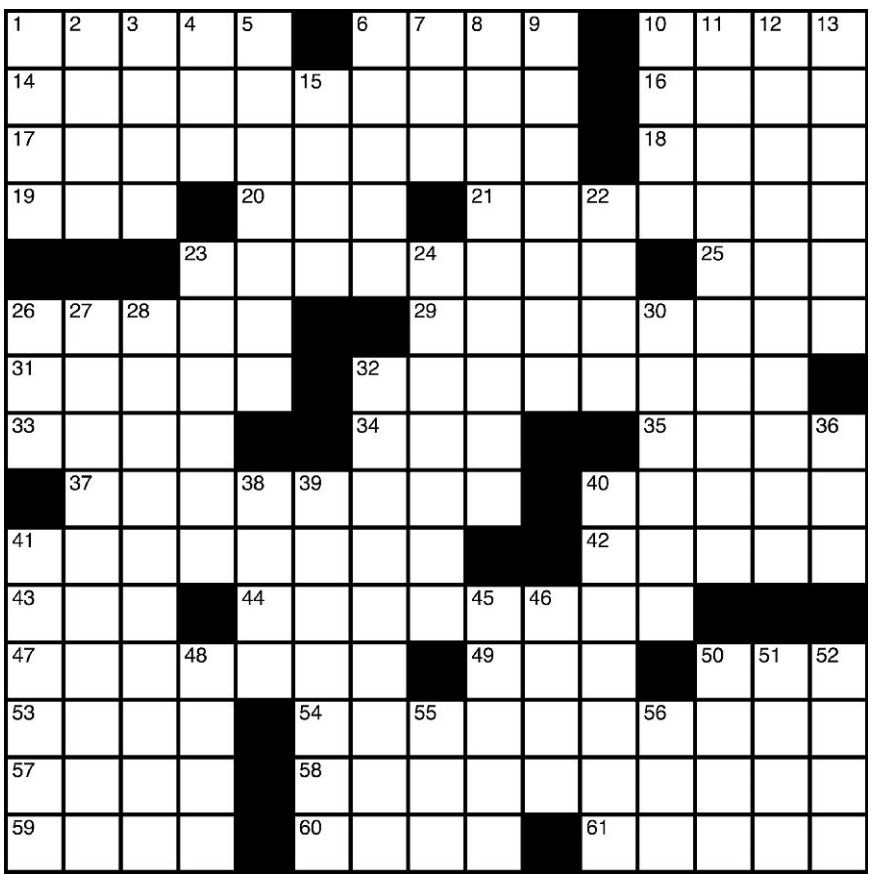

Across

1 With 40-Across, juice choice
6 Tesla, for one
10 Bands on the radio
14 Shady spot for a stroll
16 Disney Junior's "Royal Detective"
17 Tenochtitlan, e.g.
18 Mocha option
19 "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band
20 Yang counterpart
21 Got to the point?
23 Verses versus verses
25 "Set __ the doors O soul": Whitman
26 Void
29 Rooftop amenity for some travelers
31 Almost ready for the tooth fairy
32 Does well
33 Colosseum feature
34 Quarrel
35 Score symbol
37 Netflix series whose fifth season concludes with the election of Tony Blair
40 See 1-Across
41 "None of this looks familiar"
42 Charlotte __
43 Alternative introduction
44 Unimpressive ride, in '70s slang
47 "Can you talk?"
49 Gibberish
50 "Yes?"
53 Lindros in the Hockey Hall of Fame
54 One with artistic training?
57 Philosopher Descartes
58 Really hard to mess up
59 Sinks
60 Feijoada morsel
61 Like a south-facing room, perhaps

Down

1 Rock and roll
2 Primordial stuff
3 Plenty
4 Lemon finish
5 Use color-coded bins, say
6 Box at the gym?
7 Airport north of PIT
8 Option for some tenants
9 Stones that make up Northern Ireland's Giant's Causeway, e.g.
10 Nice friend
11 Many kombuchas
12 Radio station prizes, often
13 Rose in a King title
15 Little bit
22 Chirp
23 Iditarod figure
24 Bonus
26 Based on
27 Birth country of "The Girl With Seven Names" memoirist Hyeonseo Lee
28 "Let's keep it clean!"
30 "The Phantom of the Opera" author
32 Characters that take off online?
36 Italy's __ Cime di Lavaredo
38 Soccer center?
39 Marathoner's wear
40 Life hacks from experts
41 Stakes
45 Welles who narrates "The Magnificent Ambersons"
46 Launch, e.g.
48 Unbeatable services
50 __ Ha-qodesh: Hebrew for "holy ark"
51 Focus of an art museum in Las Vegas
52 Buck
55 Actress Long
56 Play about Capote

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Darnell Wright waits to give interviews Friday at Halas Hall in Lake Forest. The offensive tackle from Tennessee was picked in the first round by the Bears on Thursday. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

BEARS NFL DRAFT

Big things lie ahead

New OT Wright embraces expectations that come with being No. 10 pick in draft

By Colleen Kane | Chicago Tribune

New Chicago Bears offensive tackle Darnell Wright was in the middle of a three-hour stretch of interviews with local sports radio personalities, TV broadcasters and sports writers Friday at Halas Hall when he was asked about the expectations he faces in his new home.

After months of buildup around the draft in Chicago, the Bears selected Wright at No. 10 on Thursday night, and he arrived in Lake Forest as the likely starter at right tackle going into his rookie season. As the Bears try to build up their offense around quarterback Justin Fields, general manager Ryan Poles and his staff believe Wright can be a tone-setter on the line.

Wright, who started 42 games over four seasons at Tennessee, didn't back away from those hopes.

"I embrace expectations upon myself," Wright said. "I have expectations upon myself bigger than just football. I have expectations to take care of my family. I don't know what my role for the team is, but whatever that role is I'm going to take it full on and do the best I can."

Wright, 21, was the first pick of a key draft for Poles in his second offseason rebuilding the roster. The Bears entered Day 2 with pick Nos. 53 and 61 in the second round and No. 64 in the third round and crucial holes to fill on the defensive line.

Wright was an important pick because the Bears didn't have a great right tackle option opposite Braxton Jones, who started all 17 games in his rookie season.

"It gives me a lot of confidence that they think that I can come in and help them in any type of way," Wright said.

At his introduction Friday at Halas Hall, Wright showed off his No. 58 Bears jersey and talked

Turn to Bears, *Page 3*

Bears add to defense on Day 2

After selecting offensive tackle Darnell Wright with the No. 10 pick Thursday in the first round of the NFL draft, the Bears added to their defense in Rounds 2 and 3 on Friday, taking a pair of defensive linemen and a cornerback. They have five selections remaining in the final four rounds Saturday. Complete coverage at **chicagotribune.com/sports**

NFL DRAFT | *Thursday-Saturday in Kansas City, Mo.*
BEARS' SELECTIONS
- Round 1, No. 10: Darnell Wright, OT, Tennessee
- Round 2, No. 53: Gervon Dexter Sr. DT, Florida
- Round 2, Pick 56: Tyrique Stevenson, CB, Miami
- Round 3, Pick 64: Zacch Pickens, DL, South Carolina

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Thanks to Clark, Petitti eyes even bigger Big Ten

Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News

Tony Petitti's arrival as Big Ten commissioner coincides with the emergence of the Caitlin Clark era, and the combination of the TV-branded executive with the conference's biggest star should be interesting to watch.

Petitti, who replaced current Bears President Kevin Warren as the seventh Big Ten commissioner, mentioned the Iowa Hawkeyes star a couple of times Friday during his introductory news conference in Rosemont, sending a message the conference will be all-in on promoting women's basketball.

"I think right now there are some great opportunities in college sports, the College Football Playoff being one," Petitti said. "It's going to expand and reimagine what the postseason is, (and) what just happened this past March in the women's basketball tournament and Iowa was a huge part of that, and Caitlin Clark.

"That's another huge opportunity. And when you see momentum someplace, as a leader your responsibility is to really double

Turn to Sullivan, *Page 3*

White Sox manager Pedro Grifol, right, argues with plate umpire Marvin Hudson before getting ejected during the first inning Friday against the Rays at Guaranteed Rate Field. **NUCCIO DINUZZO/GETTY**

UP NEXT
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WHITE SOX

Team aims to shake offensive rut amid skid

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

Luis Robert Jr. struck out swinging against Yusei Kikuchi in the sixth inning Wednesday against the Blue Jays.

It began a stretch to forget for the Chicago White Sox in which 10 of the final 11 batters struck out in the 8-0 loss at the Rogers Centre. The only batter who didn't strike out during that period, Elvis Andrus, grounded out to second in the eighth inning.

The Sox struck out 17 times Wednesday. They struck out seven times in Thursday's 14-5 loss to the Tampa Bay Rays at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Not much has gone right for the Sox, who at 7-19 were off to their worst 26-game start since 1950 (6-20).

General manager Rick Hahn said Thursday that while the issues have varied, "I think if I have to touch on one fundamental issue, it would be the command of the strike zone and controlling the strike zone."

Hahn said plate discipline remains a priority.

"I know the drills are focused on that, I know (the coaching staff is) pulling guys aside for early work and (the) reemphasis on what we're trying to accom-

Turn to Sox, *Page 2*

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Cubs center fielder Nelson Velázquez follows through on a double against the Padres on Wednesday at Wrigley Field. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

CUBS

Getting the full Nelson

Velázquez's performance earns him an extended shot in the majors

By Meghan Montemurro
Chicago Tribune

Nelson Velázquez knows roster decisions are out of his control.

So he let his play force the Chicago Cubs to give him an extended opportunity in the majors. The Cubs kept Velázquez on their active roster when center fielder Cody Bellinger returned from paternity leave before Friday's series opener in Miami.

Instead, the Cubs designated catcher Luis Torrens for assignment. Torrens, who is out of options, had started only five times, all as designated hitter. He went 5-for-20 with one walk and eight strikeouts. Torrens, 26, has a good chance of getting claimed off waivers.

"We've got a really long season ahead of us and just three outfielders was going to be a little tough to carry as we start to play this thing out," manager David Ross said. "It's nothing (Torrens) did. Nelly's come up and played really, really well and earned this spot."

Velázquez started his fourth consecutive game Friday, this time as the DH against Marlins left-hander Jesus Luzardo, and hit a solo home run in the third inning.

Ross commended the value Velázquez has created for himself by his recent play. Velázquez's presence also gives Ross more flexibility with a fourth outfielder. It will allow him to mix and match to provide the Cubs' regular outfield trio opportunities to DH and get off their feet at times.

"It means the world to me," Velázquez told the Tribune on Friday. "I know they have their (starting) outfield right now. ... I'm just putting in the work and putting my heart on the field every day trying to find out what I can be.

"I found the role I need to do, it doesn't matter what it is, I will do my best to stay here the whole season."

Velázquez's approach has paid off in key moments.

Three pitches into his ninth-inning at-bat Wednesday, Velázquez found himself in a tough spot against one of the best closers in the majors. Velázquez, behind 1-2 in the count versus San Diego Padres lefty Josh Hader, needed to find a way to keep the Cubs alive with two outs. The 24-year-old outfielder's big-league opportunities have been limited this year, but when the Cubs have called on him, Velázquez is finding ways to deliver.

He watched two balls sail above the zone, then fouled off three consecutive sinkers from Hader, including two up and in on his hands, to keep the game alive. Velázquez capped the nine-pitch sequence — all sinkers — by shrewdly taking ball four just outside the zone to set up Nico Hoerner with two runners on and a two-run deficit.

Hoerner fouled out on the next pitch to end the 5-3 loss on a blustery night at Wrigley Field.

"Nelly had a phenomenal at-bat," Ross said. "Being able to take that borderline pitch 3-2 after fouling off a lot, handling the moment, not trying to do too much — those are really good signs. He's in a good place and has continued to mature. He's had great at-bats."

Velázquez's performance Wednesday provided a reminder of his offensive potential amid inconsistent opportunities. He turned on the afterburners coming around first base in the third inning to set up a smooth pop-up slide that narrowly beat the throw. Although the Cubs couldn't convert Velázquez's two-out double into a run, he set up Hoerner and the top of the order to drive in runs.

Velázquez understood his chances with the Cubs were limited. Even so, he continued to make the most of his big-league playing time this year. It eventually led to the Cubs rewarding him for his plate discipline and production.

His two-out walk in the eighth inning Tuesday set up Hoerner's bases-loaded triple in a 6-0 victory. In five games for the Cubs entering Friday, Velázquez was 6-for-13 with two home runs, five RBIs, five runs and one strikeout.

The Cubs recalled Velázquez from Triple-A Iowa to replace center fielder Bellinger, who went on the paternity list Tuesday and could only remain on the list for at most three days. It appeared to set up Velázquez for another short stint with the Cubs. He torched Triple-A pitching to begin the season at Iowa, where he owns a .327/.403/.618 slash line in 62 plate appearances.

The Cubs brought up Velázquez two weeks ago as a brief bridge to Seiya Suzuki's return from the injured list. He played in only two games, starting one in which he slugged a go-ahead grand slam as the Cubs erased the Seattle Mariners' 7-0 lead en route to a 14-9 victory. Velázquez did not appear in the next two games before being optioned to open a spot for Suzuki.

"There's some stuff we cannot control — the weather, suspended games, me going down to Triple A and then coming back here," Velázquez said. "We don't control those timelines. So either way, I stay positive to do my job every day and try to do my best on the field and show them that I really want to be here helping the team.

"Besides that, I can't control it. If they send me to Triple A, I have to go to Triple A and keep doing what I'm doing and then one day I will have my chance."

The Cubs' decision to carry only three outfielders on their 26-man active roster — using Patrick Wisdom and Trey Mancini in the corner outfield spots as needed — had limited Velázquez's big-league chances in April.

Keeping Velázquez on the team is the first notable reconfiguration of their bench, which had included infielder Edwin Ríos and catcher/designated hitter Torrens. Ríos, who still has a minor-league option, has received only 20 plate appearances through the first 23 games.

For now the Cubs appear content to stick with this group. Christopher Morel, Matt Mervis and Velázquez represent younger upside at Triple A that the team can deploy at some point, whether an injury creates an opening or perhaps when the offense needs a spark.

"The experience (Velázquez) gained last year is really invaluable," Ross said. "We don't give that enough credit even when you have some success, some failures, some adversity, some tougher moments. He has a lot of confidence in himself and is actually seeing that play out a little bit more this year with his success in Triple A.

"I think having success in the minor leagues is a real good springboard to coming up here and doing well."

It's a small sample size, but Velázquez has taken advantage of his plate appearances by staying within himself and not trying to do too much.

"As a baseball player, we can show them that we want to be here, but when you try to do everything over what you can do, you'll do it wrong because you're trying to do too much," Velázquez said. "All I need to do is play hard and do my job and do what they want me to do, just play my game and have fun."

He recognizes the talent around him in the lineup, specifically Hoerner. As the No. 9 hitter the last two games, Velázquez knows Hoerner is waiting on deck if he can get on base. Hoerner came through in the fifth Wednesday, connecting for a go-ahead RBI single to center. The bullpen squandered the one-run lead in the seventh en route to the loss.

Velázquez admits he didn't understand his role last year as a rookie. When he hit well in his first 41 plate appearances, batting .297 with a .366 on-base percentage and .852 OPS, he hoped it would lead to more regular starts. Instead he was in the lineup in eight of the next 18 games and posted a .182 average, .267 OBP and .611 OPS the rest of the season (165 PAs).

Cubs hitting coach Dustin Kelly, who was the organization's minor-league hitting coordinator last season, understood the challenges Velázquez faced when trying to adjust.

"He didn't play probably as much as he wanted to or as much as we probably had planned for him to get up here," Kelly told the Tribune. "But him playing up here, seeing how the day-to-day works, how good the pitching actually is, it's a big jump from Triple-A pitching to major-league pitching.

"So for him to experience that, come to major-league spring training knowing he has a chance to make the team, go down and then come back, I think just adds fuel to his fire and gives him a good perspective of what it takes to stay up here.

"That's what we see a lot: Guys can get here, but then what does it take to stay? And that's what we're working on with him."

Looking back, Velázquez realizes he tried too hard to earn an everyday spot. That singular focus — and ultimately elusive quest — hurt his confidence because he struggled to get comfortable in his matchup-based bench role. He doesn't expect that to be an issue this year, no matter how many times he might be on the Iowa-to-Chicago shuttle.

"I had a lot of time to think about it in the offseason and I went, 'You have to understand what your role is going to be when you get into the season,'" Velázquez said. "And now I understand what I have to do. Any time they need me, I'll be ready for that, pinch hit, whatever it is. I need to do everything I can that's in my hands to help the team win games."

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plish and each night they're going out there with a specific plan," Hahn said. "The execution has left something to be desired at times, especially as the losses started mounting. But I don't question the preparation, focus and prioritization done by the coaching staff."

The Sox continue to have the highest Outside the Zone Swing Percentage (O-Swing%) in the majors at 37.5% entering Friday. According to FanGraphs, O-Swing% equals "swings at pitches outside the zone/pitches outside the zone."

Last year, the Sox had the second-highest O-Swing% at 36.5%.

"It's a label that has stuck, and that's the way they game plan against us," Sox manager Pedro Grifol before Thursday's game. "The only way for us to improve on it is to do the work and go out there and execute and trust the work we're putting in. That's the hardest thing to do. You come in, you get the work done, you have a plan and then the hard thing is to go execute a plan. It's really hard. These guys are throwing hard, they've got multiple pitches that are doing some different things and that's going to take a little bit of time. They're working on it and they're going to get this.

"They've done this before at this level. Obviously they've chased at a high rate, but they're putting the work in and I'm confident we're going to continue to get better at it and were going to put good (at-bats) together."

The Sox were slashing .191/.250/.318 in their last 17 games. They had 49 runs during that period, an average of 2.9 per game.

"We've played (25) games, it doesn't define who we are," Grifol said before Thursday's game. "It just defines a stretch where we haven't been who we are. But they're going to get back to who they are and they're going to get back to doing the things that not only got them here, they're going to get back to doing the things that have kept them here and made them the players they are."

Garrett Crochet ready for next step in rehab: Reliever Garrett Crochet will start a rehab assignment Sunday as he moves a step closer to returning from Tommy John surgery.

The left-hander will spend time with Double-A Birmingham and then join Triple-A Charlotte. Whenever he makes his first appearance, it will be his first minor-league game.

"Excited to ride the bus," Crochet joked Friday at Guaranteed Rate Field. "I talked to a bunch of guys in (the clubhouse), and they're giving me a hard time about it, but I'm excited."

The team's 2020 first-round draft pick, Crochet joined the Sox from the Schaumburg training facility that September and remained in the big leagues. He underwent Tommy John surgery last year after exiting a spring training game with a torn left ulnar collateral ligament.

Crochet was at Guaranteed Rate Field as a part of a health check-in.

"It's huge," Crochet said of what's ahead. "Had a lot of help along the way from a lot of the trainers down in (Arizona), from my wife, teammates motivating me along the way. It just means the world. I just can't wait to get back here and be permanent."

The Sox announced a pair of minor-league deals Friday, signing outfielder Clint Frazier and reliever Bryan Shaw. Frazier is with Charlotte. Shaw will head to the organization's facility in Arizona before joining Charlotte. The Sox also outrighted pitcher A.J. Alexy to Charlotte.

White Sox first baseman Andrew Vaughn celebrates in the dugout while wearing the team's home run hat and coat during the first inning against the Rays on Friday. **CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP**

SPORTS

Illinois cornerback Devon Witherspoon, left, and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell hold a team jersey after Witherspoon was chosen by the Seahawks with the No. 5 pick on Thursday in Kansas City, Mo. **STEVE LUCIANO/AP**

NFL DRAFT

Familiar first-rounders

Illinois' Witherspoon, NU's Skoronski, Iowa's Van Ness among top 13

Chicago Tribune

The Tribune is tracking where players from Illinois, Northwestern, Notre Dame and Illinois high schools are selected in the 2023 NFL draft.

Devon Witherspoon, CB, Illinois

1st round (No. 5) to Seattle Seahawks

A consensus All-American during his fourth season in Champaign, Witherspoon was the second defensive player drafted and the first cornerback off the board. The Pensacola, Fla., native had three interceptions and 14 pass breakups in 2022, didn't allow a touchdown all season and had the nation's best coverage grade according to Pro Football Focus.

"I'm energetic, physical. I'm a dog on the field," Witherspoon told reporters. "I'm just very confident in what I do, passionate. I love to show my emotions out there on the field."

It's the highest an Illinois defensive back has been drafted and the highest the Seahawks have taken a cornerback during the Pete Carroll regime.

Peter Skoronski, OL, Northwestern/Maine South

1st round (No. 11) to Tennessee Titans

Many projections had Skoronski going to the hometown Bears, but they opted for Tennessee offensive tackle Darnell Wright at No. 10.

Skoronski started at left tackle for the Wildcats for all three of his seasons but could move inside to guard in the pros. The Titans are rebuilding their offensive line after cutting left tackle Taylor Lewan and center Ben Jones to clear salary-cap space and losing right guard Nate Davis to the Bears in free agency.

"When he grabs people most of the time, they stop moving," Titans coach Mike Vrabel told reporters about Skoronski.

"So that's really a good thing for an offensive lineman."

Skoronski made first- or second-team All-Big Ten all three years in Evanston and became Northwestern's first unanimous first-team All-American last season. He was the first recruit rated a five-star prospect by one of the major services to sign with the Wildcats out of high school.

Lukas Van Ness, edge, Iowa/Barrington

1st round (No. 13) to Green Bay Packers

While Van Ness is from Illinois, he told reporters he was in Wisconsin — at his parents' home near Lake Geneva — when he got the news he will be a Packer.

"I couldn't ask for a better result," he said. "I'm so happy to be Packer.

"I can't wait to get out there and wear that green."

Van Ness played only two seasons for the Hawkeyes after redshirting in 2020 and never started a college game. But the former hockey player racked up 13 ½ sacks and 19 ½ tackles for a loss in 27 games.

"It's just the Iowa way," Van Ness told reporters. "I had two great fifth-year seniors in front of me who did the time and gave the years to the program."

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about his journey to becoming that player who is facing big expectations. Here are four other things we heard from Wright and Tennessee coach Josh Heupel, who did a conference call with reporters Friday afternoon.

Bears first-round draft pick Darnell Wright answers reporters' questions Friday at a news confrence at Halas Hall in Lake Forest. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Wright grew into his role as a 'tone-setter' at Tennessee. Poles called Wright a tone-setter, saying he brings a nasty edge to the line. Wright agreed he's able to do that.

"There's a certain switch that you flip when it's time to play," Wright said. "I flip that switch."

Heupel, who took over the Tennessee program in 2021, said that edge came out over time as Wright became more confident in his role.

"He grew on the fundamental and technique side of it, but I think as he gained confidence and comfort and really grew into his personality and who he is, you could see his competitive nature show up in the meeting room," Heupel said. "The urgency that he prepared with, how he affected the guys around him and then that started to show up on the field with his physicality, his energy. And there's times on the sideline you could feel that urgency in moments where you needed someone to step up."

Wright played at 'an elite level' against some of the top defensive players in the SEC. Alabama edge rusher Will Anderson Jr., whom the Houston Texans drafted at No. 3, said during the predraft process that Wright was the toughest player he went up against.

Poles noted on Thursday night that Wright faced tough talent in the SEC each week, and Heupel said he rose to the occasion in those games.

"If you go through his last two seasons here, this season in particular, he played against the top guys that were in this year's draft, last year's draft. And he played at an elite level," Heupel said. "The best thing as a coach is when you have comfort that you feel like you have the luxury to put him on an island. You don't have to protect him, and he's going to handle what's probably the biggest factor on the opposing side of the field. And Darnell did that consistently over the last two years — absolute elite level this past year.

"Will Anderson, he did a fantastic job with them for 60 minutes and handled himself in a really dominant fashion throughout the course of his career. I'm really excited about what he's got coming next."

Wright said that game against Alabama, which Tennessee won 52-49 on a last-second field goal to break a 15-game losing streak to the Crimson Tide, was the best atmosphere he played in. Anderson had three tackles and a half-tackle for a loss in the game.

"I was trying to get off the field (after the game), but some strong dude grabbed me as I was trying to get up out of there," Wright said of the celebration. "Everybody was swarming and it was crazy. I eventually got up out of there, but it was crazy."

Heupel said Wright grew in many other ways over his last 2 seasons in Knoxville, Tenn. Heupel said that from the time he arrived at Tennessee he saw Wright make major strides in his development, work habits and football knowledge.

Wright, who will turn 22 in August, said that came from increased maturity and learning how to establish a routine. He was named first-team all-SEC after his senior season, in which he started 13 games at right tackle.

"He is somebody who was able to look himself in the mirror and truly see his potential had the chance to be realized," Heupel said. "He is somebody who gained great confidence in his work habits and through his work habits, and that allowed him to refine his play. When he got here, I would describe him as a very young football player. That was fundamentally, but it was also just in his football IQ. Over the last two years, that guy has grown in that in an unbelievable way.

"And I think that was a huge part of his draft process, his being able to showcase his knowledge of the game, not just what he was doing but what all five guys were doing and what we were doing against different defenses, schemes and alignments. I'm really proud of the steps he took."

Heupel believes Wright can play right or left tackle in the NFL. Wright started at right tackle as a freshman and sophomore (with a couple of starts at right guard), moved to left tackle for 13 starts in 2021 because of the Vols' roster situation and then was back on the right side in 2022.

Wright said he doesn't know if he has a dominant side but thinks it could be easier if he can settle into one side early.

"He's got the versatility to play both sides and is fully capable of playing both sides," Heupel said. "He has comfort in playing both sides. Ultimately where Chicago initially puts him, I don't know. ... But he's comfortable with both, he has the talent to play both, and I think that versatility will help him throughout his career at that level."

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down and focus on that because there's a great opportunity in the women's basketball game to grow."

Clark and the Hawkeyes helped set viewership records during the NCAA Tournament, including the championship game loss to LSU. Clark, the 6-foot junior point guard who won the Wooden Award and the Naismith Trophy while being named Associated Press Player of the Year, has become as recognized as the most popular men's college basketball players. Her star has risen quickly, and it has taken the sport of women's basketball along for the ride.

Petitti

What's best is Clark has two more years of eligibility and a chance to help bring women's basketball to even greater heights. That's where Petitti comes in.

The two most prominent Big Ten sports have been football and men's basketball. That won't ever change. But the SEC has been considered the most powerful football conference for years, and the Big Ten has not produced a men's basketball champion since Michigan State in 2000. They had eight teams invited to the men's tournament in March, and only Michigan State made it to the Sweet 16 — and lost.

The Iowa women's team made more noise in March than any men's team and figures to be in the national spotlight again in 2023-24.

Clark scored 41 points in the Elite Eight and semifinal games and set tournament records in points (191) assists (60) and 3-pointers (32). Her Instagram account (@caitlinclark22) has more than 692,000 followers, and the school recently put a pause on season ticket sales for women's games at Carver-Hawkeye Arena because of overwhelming demand.

Clark is a phenomenon, and Petitti has been paying close attention. He noted during his question-and-answer session Friday that Clark's popularity has been helped by her use of social media.

"In this generation, students have a powerful voice," he said. "I was really struck Caitlin Clark posted something about who she thought was going to win the Masters, and you're talking about millions of impressions.

"Fans want to hear directly from athletes, whether it's student-athletes or professionals. That's a big part of the next generation. It's really incumbent upon all of us that we allow younger people to engage where they want to and not be so rigid."

Petitti, 62, who engineered the startup of MLB Network Baseball and helped invent the Bowl Championship Series — the first college football playoff system — takes the reins of the richest and most prominent conference in the nation. He inherits a new TV football deal with CBS, Fox and NBC that brings $1 billion per year to the conference and also includes prime-time Saturday night games on NBC. Petitti also benefits from conference expansion in 2024, when Pac-12 powers USC and UCLA join.

Petitti said he spent the last couple of weeks "listening in" at the CFP meetings on the plan to expand to 12 teams in 2024.

"The goal of a great postseason is to make the regular season better," he said. "I feel really confident the number that's been chosen will do exactly that."

Petitti gave no specifics on what changes he has in mind for the the Big Ten. But he's likely to be proactive in trying to grow the conference through digital platforms, whatever they might be in the coming years.

"The content, the games are what matters, and the platform is secondary," Petitti said. "If you have something that's great, people will find it. We're in the process of that change."

No one could have known a decade ago that things like NIL, TikTok or virtual free agency through transfer portals would all be part of college sports in the 2020s. Petitti said the key was making sure the content — games and otherwise — generated by student-athletes is on the platforms where young people congregate.

"It's really clear, young people want to share and they want to collaborate and they want to have a conversation," he said. "We have to find the right sweet spot, working with our partners, to make sure that conversation is happening around every sport we play, every championship we have."

The Big Ten should always be innovators of the college sports scene. The 3-yards-and-a-cloud-of-dust era is long gone.

Maybe Petitti can make it even bigger and better, with a little help from Clark.

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	21	5	.808	—	—	7-3	W-1	14-2	7-3
Baltimore	17	8	.680	3½	+2½	9-1	W-2	9-4	8-4
Toronto	17	9	.654	4	+2	7-3	W-5	8-2	9-7
New York	15	11	.577	6	—	5-5	W-2	9-7	6-4
Boston	13	14	.481	8½	2½	5-5	L-2	7-7	6-7
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Minnesota	16	11	.593	—	—	6-4	W-2	9-5	7-6
Cleveland	13	13	.500	2½	2	4-6	W-2	4-8	9-5
Detroit	9	15	.375	5½	5	4-6	L-2	4-5	5-10
Chicago	7	19	.269	8½	8	1-9	L-8	3-7	4-12
Kansas City	6	21	.222	10	9½	2-8	L-3	1-12	5-9
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Houston	14	11	.560	—	—	7-3	W-2	6-7	8-4
Texas	14	11	.560	—	½	5-5	L-4	8-5	6-6
Los Angeles	14	12	.538	½	1	6-4	W-3	8-5	6-7
Seattle	11	15	.423	3½	4	3-7	L-3	7-9	4-6
Oakland	5	21	.192	9½	10	2-8	L-3	2-10	3-11

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	17	9	.654	—	—	5-5	L-1	7-7	10-2
New York	15	11	.577	2	—	5-5	W-1	5-4	10-7
Miami	14	13	.519	3½	1	5-5	W-2	8-6	6-7
Philadelphia	13	13	.500	4	1½	7-3	W-2	8-5	5-8
Washington	9	15	.375	7	4½	5-5	L-1	2-9	7-6
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Pittsburgh	18	8	.692	—	—	9-1	W-2	9-4	9-4
Milwaukee	16	9	.640	1½	+2	6-4	W-1	7-5	9-4
Chicago	14	11	.560	3½	—	5-5	L-1	8-8	6-3
Cincinnati	10	15	.400	7½	4	4-6	W-3	9-6	1-9
St. Louis	10	16	.385	8	4½	3-7	W-1	5-8	5-8
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**STR**	**HOME**	**AWAY**
Arizona	14	12	.538	—	—	5-5	W-1	8-6	6-6
Los Angeles	13	13	.500	1	1½	5-5	L-2	6-6	7-7
San Diego	13	14	.481	1½	2	5-5	L-1	5-8	8-6
San Francisco	11	14	.440	2½	3	6-4	L-1	7-7	4-7
Colorado	8	18	.308	6	6½	3-7	L-1	3-7	5-11

BOX SCORES

MINNESOTA 8, KANSAS CITY 6

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Witt Jr. ss	5	2	1	1	0	.241
Pasquantino dh	5	0	0	0	2	.268
Perez c	4	1	3	3	0	.266
Melendez rf	5	0	1	0	3	.176
Olivares lf	4	2	3	0	1	.276
Pratto 1b	5	0	3	2	2	.333
Isbel cf	4	0	0	0	1	.195
Dozier 3b	2	1	0	0	0	.172
Massey 2b	4	0	1	0	3	.173
TOTALS	**38**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**12**	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kepler rf	2	2	1	2	1	.236
Correa ss	4	0	0	0	1	.195
Polanco 2b	4	1	1	3	2	.367
Buxton dh	3	0	1	0	1	.247
Larnach lf	2	1	1	0	1	.241
a-Solano ph	1	0	0	0	0	.281
Castro lf	0	0	0	0	0	.161
Miranda 3b	4	2	2	1	0	.240
Gallo 1b	3	1	1	0	2	.265
Vazquez c	4	0	0	0	1	.262
M.Taylor cf	3	1	1	2	1	.244
TOTALS	**30**	**8**	**8**	**8**	**10**	

Kansas City	**100**	**102**	**200**		**6**	**12**		**0**	
Minnesota	**120**	**410**	**00x**		**8**	**8**		**0**	

a-flied out for Larnach in the 7th.
LOB: Kansas City 9, Minnesota 4. **2B:** Witt Jr. (4), Olivares 2(4), Miranda (3), M.Taylor (3), Buxton (5). 3B: Olivares (2), Gallo (1).

HR: Perez (3), off P.Lopez; Kepler (3), off Lyles; Polanco (2), off Lyles; Miranda (3), off J.Taylor.
RBIs: Perez 3(12), Pratto 2(2), Witt Jr. (10), Kepler 2(8), M.Taylor 2(11), Polanco 3(9), Miranda (12).
SB: M.Taylor (3), Witt Jr. (6).
SF: Perez, Kepler.
Runners left in scoring position: Kansas City 3(Pratto 2, Massey); Minnesota 2 (Larnach, Correa). **RISP:** Kansas City 3 for 9; Minnesota 2for 7.
Runners moved up: Pasquantino.
GIDP: Miranda.
DP: Kansas City 1(Witt Jr., Massey, Pratto).

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lyles, L, 0-5	4	7	7	7	4	4	6.11
J.Taylor	2	1	1	1	0	5	3.86
Garrett	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.53
Clarke	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.25
MINNESOTA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
P.Lopez, W, 2-2	6	8	6	6	1	7	4.00
Jax, H, 5	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.18
Thielbar, H, 7	1	1	0	0	1	2	2.25
J.Lopez, S, 2-2	1	2	0	0	0	1	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Jax 2-2.
HBP: J.Lopez (Olivares).
WP: Lyles, Jax.

Umpires: Home, Jerry Layne; First, Brock Ballou; Second, Vic Carapazza; Third, Nick Mahrley.

T: 2:38.
A: 11,754(38,544).

LATE THURSDAY: TAMPA BAY 14, CHI. WHITE SOX 5

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Diaz 1b	5	2	3	1	1	.315
Franco ss	6	2	2	0	1	.304
Arozarena lf	5	1	0	0	2	.323
B.Lowe dh	4	3	3	3	1	.257
Margot rf	0	0	0	0	0	.203
Paredes 3b	5	2	2	5	1	.228
J.Lowe cf	5	1	3	1	1	.348
Walls 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.288
Raley rf-p	5	2	3	3	2	.214
Mejia c	5	1	0	0	0	.195
TOTALS	**44**	**14**	**16**	**13**	**11**	

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Benintendi lf	4	0	0	0	2	.283
a-Gonzalez ph	1	1	1	1	0	.156
Vaughn 1b	5	0	1	0	1	.234
Robert Jr. cf	2	0	1	0	0	.223
Haseley cf	2	1	2	1	0	.667
Jimenez dh	5	0	1	0	0	.174
Grandal c	4	0	1	0	1	.257
Burger 3b	3	2	2	2	0	.240
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0	0	.187
Colas rf	4	1	1	0	2	.221
Sosa 2b	4	0	1	1	1	.133
TOTALS	**38**	**5**	**11**	**5**	**7**	

Tampa Bay	**031**	**035**	**101**		**14**	**16**		**0**	
Chi. White Sox	**010**	**100**	**012**		**5**	**11**		**1**	

a-tripled for Benintendi in the 9th. **E:** Vaughn (2). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 7, Chicago 8. **2B:** Raley (3), Paredes (2), Sosa (2), Grandal (8), Haseley (1), Burger (4), Colas (2). **3B:** B.Lowe (1), Gonzalez (1).
HR: B.Lowe (7), off Cease; Diaz (7), off Graveman; Raley (5), off J.Kelly; Burger (6), off McClanahan. **RBIs:** Paredes 5 (17), Raley 3 (12), B.Lowe 3 (18), J.Lowe (17), Diaz (16), Sosa (3), Burger 2 (12), Gonzalez (1), Haseley (1).
Runners left in scoring position: Tampa Bay 3(Franco, Walls, Raley); Chicago 5 (Benintendi, Grandal 2, Andrus, Colas). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 5for 15; Chicago 3for 14. **Runners moved up:** Jimenez 2.

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
McClanahan, W, 5-0	5	2	2	2	5	2.12	
Burdi	2	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
K.Kelly	1	2	1	1	0	0	4.30
Raley	1	3	2	2	0	0	18.00
WHITE SOX	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Cease, L, 2-1	4	9	7	6	2	3	4.15
Bummer	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.62
Diekman	⅔	3	5	1	2	2	7.84
Santos	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	2.03
Graveman	1	1	1	1	0	0	4.66
Lopez	1	1	0	0	0	3	7.59
J.Kelly	1	2	1	1	0	1	9.82

Inherited runners-scored: Bummer 2-1, Santos 2-0. PB: Grandal (2). **Umpires:** HP, Alex MacKay; 1B, Marvin Hudson; 2B, Hunter Wendelstedt; 3B, John Tumpane. **T:** 2:44. **A:** 11,060(40,241).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS
through Thursday's games

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG.
M.Chapman Tor	24	88	32	16	.364
Bichette Tor	25	106	36	15	.340
Guerrero Jr. Tor	25	99	33	18	.333
Dubón Hou	21	88	29	18	.330
Arozarena TB	25	96	31	19	.323
Kelenic Sea	23	79	25	11	.316
Y.Díaz TB	24	92	29	21	.315
Verdugo Bos	26	103	32	20	.311
Trout LAA	24	95	29	18	.305
Franco TB	25	102	31	15	.304

Home Runs: Devers, Boston, 9; Gallo, Minnesota, 7; Rooker, Oakland, 7; B.Lowe, Tampa Bay, 7; Kelenic, Seattle, 7; Y.Díaz, Tampa Bay, 7; A.García, Texas, 7; Renfroe, Los Angeles, 7; 7 tied at 6.
Runs Batted In: A.García, Texas, 29; Alvarez, Houston, 27; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 24; Devers, Boston, 24
Pitching: Cole, New York, 5-0; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 5-0; Ryan, Minnesota, 5-0; Gibson, Baltimore, 4-0; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 4-0; Kikuchi, Toronto, 4-0.

MIAMI 3, CHICAGO CUBS 2

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hoerner 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.333
Swanson ss	2	0	1	0	0	.289
Happ lf	4	0	2	0	0	.311
Suzuki rf	4	0	0	0	1	.260
Mancini 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.241
Bellinger cf	4	1	1	0	1	.298
Wisdom 3b	2	0	0	0	2	.235
a-Hosmer ph	1	0	1	1	0	.242
1-Madrigal pr-3b	1	0	1	0	0	.289
Gomes c	4	0	1	0	0	.302
Velazquez dh	4	1	1	1	2	.412
TOTALS	**34**	**2**	**10**	**2**	**9**	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Chisholm Jr. cf	4	0	2	0	2	.232
Cooper 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.267
Soler dh	4	0	1	0	1	.241
2-Hampson pr	0	1	0	0	0	.231
Arraez 2b	2	1	1	0	0	.427
Garcia rf	3	0	1	0	1	.188
Segura 3b	4	0	2	2	0	.217
Sanchez lf	2	1	0	0	1	.184
Fortes c	3	0	1	0	0	.188
Berti ss	3	0	0	0	1	.228
TOTALS	**29**	**3**	**8**	**2**	**6**	

Chicago	**001**	**000**	**100**		**2**	**10**		**0**	
Miami	**001**	**000**	**101**		**3**	**8**		**1**	

No outs when winning run scored.

a-singled for Wisdom in the 7th.
1-ran for Hosmer in the 7th.
2-ran for Soler in the 9th. **E:** Brazoban (1).
LOB: Chicago 7, Miami 6. 3B: Bellinger (1).

HR: Velazquez (3), off Luzardo.
RBIs: Velazquez (6), Hosmer (13), Segura 2(3).

SB: Sanchez (3), Chisholm Jr. 2(11).
Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 3(Happ, Velazquez 2); Miami 1 (Fortes). **RISP:** Chicago 1for 7; Miami 3 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Berti. **LIDP:** Cooper. **GIDP:** Suzuki, Bellinger, Berti, Segura. **DP:** Chicago 3(Swanson, Hoerner, Mancini); Wisdom, Hoerner, Mancini; Swanson, Wisdom, Swanson); Miami 3(Cooper, Berti, Cooper; Segura, Arraez, Cooper; Berti, Cooper).

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Stroman	6⅓	6	2	2	2	3	2.29
Leiter Jr.	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	1.69
Fulmer	1	0	0	0	0	2	7.15
Rucker, L, 1-1	0	2	1	1	0	0	3.38
MIAMI	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Luzardo	6⅓	5	2	2	2	6	3.48
Brazoban	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	2.87
Floro	1	2	0	0	0	0	2.13
Puk, W, 3-0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0.82

Inherited runners-scored: Leiter Jr. 2-0, Brazoban 1-1.
HBP: Rucker 2(Arraez,Garcia). **Umpires:** Home, Roberto Ortiz; First, Rob Drake; Second, Bill Miller; Third, Chad Whitson. T: 2:26. **A:** 12,340(37,446).

LATE THURSDAY: BALTIMORE 7, DETROIT 4

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	5	1	1	1	1	.267
Rutschman c	4	0	2	1	0	.287
Mountcastle 1b	4	1	0	0	0	.229
Santander dh	4	1	1	2	3	.207
Urias 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.279
Mateo ss	4	1	2	0	0	.361
Frazier rf	3	2	1	0	0	.213
McKenna lf	4	1	1	0	1	.261
Ortiz 2b	3	0	1	3	0	.333
TOTALS	**34**	**7**	**9**	**7**	**6**	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McKinstry 3b-rf	3	0	2	0	0	.265
b-Rogers ph-c	2	0	0	0	2	.225
Greene cf	4	0	1	0	0	.223
Torkelson 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.220
Maton ss	3	1	0	1	3	.149
Carpenter rf	3	1	2	0	1	.217
Nevin 3b	1	0	0	0	1	.050
Haase c-lf	3	1	2	2	0	.271
Cabrera dh	5	0	0	0	1	.184
Baddoo lf	1	0	0	0	0	.227
a-Vierling lf-rf	1	1	0	0	0	.257
Schoop 2b	5	0	0	0	3	.205
TOTALS	**35**	**4**	**8**	**3**	**11**	

Baltimore	**000**	**020**	**500**		**7**	**9**		**0**	
Detroit	**012**	**001**	**000**		**4**	**8**		**0**	

a-hit by pitch for Baddoo in the 6th.
b-struck out for McKinstry in the 8th. **LOB:** Baltimore 5, Detroit 15. **2B:** McKenna (3), Carpenter (5). 3B: Mullins (2). **HR:** Santander (2), off Shreve.
RBIs: Ortiz 3(3), Mullins (21), Rutschman (17), Santander 2(11), Haase 2(5), Maton (13). SB: Mateo 2 (10), McKinstry (4), Frazier (4). SF: Ortiz, Rutschman.
Runners left in scoring position: Baltimore 2 (Mateo, Frazier); Detroit 8 (Cabrera, Carpenter, McKinstry, Rogers 2, Greene, Nevin 2). **RISP:** Baltimore 2 for 5; Detroit 1 for 14. **Runners moved up:** Torkelson, Schoop. **GIDP:** Schoop. **DP:** Baltimore 1 (Ortiz, Mateo, Mountcastle).

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gibson	4⅓	8	3	3	2	3	3.93
Baumann	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	0.61
Perez	⅓	0	1	1	2	1	5.40
Baker, W, 2-0	1⅔	0	0	0	2	2	1.98
Akin, H, 3	1	0	0	0	1	2	5.40
Bautista, S, 6-8	1	0	0	0	3	3	1.42
DETROIT	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Wentz	5⅔	4	2	2	1	6	6.45
Cisnero, H, 3	⅓	0	0	0	1	0	4.32
Shreve, L, 1-2, BS, 0-3	⅔	4	5	5	1	0	67
Vest	1⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Alexander	1	1	0	0	0	0	5.28

Inherited runners-scored: Baumann 2-0, Baker 3-1, Cisnero 1-0. **HBP:** Perez (Vierling). **WP:** Gibson. **Umpires:** Home, Charlie Ramos; First, Ramon De Jesus; Second, Doug Eddings; Third, Edwin Moscoso. T: 3:16. **A:** 11,599(41,083).

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS
through Thursday's games

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG.
Arraez Mia	22	80	34	9	.425
Acuña Jr. Atl	26	105	37	22	.352
Nimmo NYM	25	91	31	16	.341
Stott Phi	25	109	37	9	.339
Marsh Phi	24	77	26	15	.338
Hoerner ChC	24	107	36	21	.336
Castellanos Phi	26	99	33	22	.333
T.Estrada SF	24	95	31	19	.326
Bogaerts SD	27	98	31	18	.316
Bryant Col	24	93	29	11	.312

Home Runs: Muncy, Los Angeles, 11; Alonso, New York, 10; Wisdom, Chicago, 9; Tellez, Milwaukee, 8.
Runs Batted In: Alonso, New York, 25; Albies, Atlanta, 23; Gorman, St. Louis, 22; Olson, Atlanta, 22; Muncy, Los Angeles, 21; Lindor, New York, 21.
Pitching: Steele, Chicago, 4-0; Gallen, Arizona, 4-1; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 4-1; Keller, Pittsburgh, 3-0; Strider, Atlanta, 3-0; 6 tied at 3-1.

LATE THURSDAY: ST. LOUIS 6, SAN FRANCISCO 0

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nootbaar cf-rf	5	0	2	0	2	.244
Goldschmidt 1b	4	0	0	1	0	.302
Gorman dh	5	0	1	0	4	.289
Arenado 3b	5	1	1	0	1	.257
Burleson rf	3	1	1	1	0	.236
Carlson cf	1	1	1	1	0	.250
DeJong ss	4	2	2	2	0	.471
O'Neill lf	3	0	1	0	0	.256
Knizner c	4	0	1	0	1	.167
Edman 2b	4	1	2	1	1	.278
TOTALS	**38**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**9**	

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Wade Jr. lf	4	0	1	0	2	.238
Estrada 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.326
Pederson dh	3	0	0	0	0	.256
a-Haniger ph-dh	1	0	1	0	0	.286
Conforto rf	4	0	0	0	0	.203
Flores 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.267
Yastrzemski cf	3	0	1	0	1	.292
Sabol c	4	0	0	0	3	.232
Villar 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.149
Crawford ss	4	0	1	0	1	.159
TOTALS	**33**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**10**	

St. Louis	**000**	**000**	**231**		**6**	**12**		**0**	
San Francisco	**000**	**000**	**000**		**0**	**6**		**0**	

a-singled for Pederson in the 8th.
LOB: St. Louis 7, San Francisco 10. **2B:** Carlson (4), Edman (3), Yastrzemski (7), Wade Jr. (3). HR: Burleson (3), off Webb; DeJong (2), off Beck. **RBIs:** Burleson (8), Edman (10), Carlson (4), DeJong 2(4), Goldschmidt (14). SB: Estrada (8), Crawford (3), Edman (3).
Runners left in scoring position: St. Louis 4(Gorman 2, Nootbaar 2); San Francisco 6(Estrada, Pederson 2, Sabol 2, Conforto). **RISP:** St. Louis 3for 7; San Francisco 0for 7. **Runners moved up:** Knizner.

ST. LOUIS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Mikolas, W, 1-1	6⅓	4	0	0	2	6	5.97
Cabrera, H, 1	1⅔	2	0	0	1	2	2.38
VerHagen	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.76
SAN FRANCISCO	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Webb, L, 1-5	6⅔	7	2	2	1	7	4.10
Brebbia	1	2	2	2	0	0	6.10
Beck	1⅓	3	2	2	1	2	7.04

Inherited runners-scored: Brebbia 2-0, Beck 1-1. **HBP:** Mikolas (Estrada).
Umpires: Home, Chad Fairchild; First, Nic Lentz; Second, Jeremie Rehak; Third, Paul Emmel. T: 2:44. **A:** 23,397 (41,915).

LATE THURSDAY: MINNESOTA 7, KANSAS CITY 1

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Witt Jr. dh	4	0	0	0	2	.243
Pasquantino 1b	4	1	1	1	0	.283
Melendez c	4	0	0	0	2	.175
Reyes lf	4	0	0	0	2	.200
Isbel cf	3	0	1	0	1	.205
Massey 2b	4	0	0	0	3	.169
Dozier 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.179
Lopez ss	3	0	1	0	1	.192
Bradley Jr. rf	2	0	0	0	0	.125
TOTALS	**31**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**13**	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Buxton dh	4	1	1	3	0	.244
Correa ss	3	2	1	1	1	.205
Polanco 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.385
Larnach lf	4	0	1	1	2	.235
Miranda 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.230
Gallo 1b	4	1	1	0	1	.261
Vazquez c	3	2	2	0	0	.281
Kepler rf	4	0	2	1	2	.226
M.Taylor cf	3	1	1	1	1	.241
TOTALS	**33**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**9**	

Kansas City	**000**	**100**	**000**		**1**	**3**		**0**	
Minnesota	**120**	**400**	**00x**		**7**	**10**		**1**	

E: Correa (1).
LOB: Kansas City 5, Minnesota 4.
2B: Isbel (7), Gallo (3), Kepler (4).

HR: Pasquantino (5), off Mahle; Buxton (5), off Greinke; Correa (3), off Greinke.
RBIs: Pasquantino (8), Larnach (18), Kepler (6), M.Taylor (9), Buxton 3(13), Correa (10).

Runners left in scoring position: Kansas City 2(Massey 2); Minnesota 1 (Buxton).
RISP: Kansas City 0for 2; Minnesota 3 for 7. **GIDP:** Miranda. **DP:** Kansas City 1 (Massey, Pasquantino).

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Greinke, L, 0-4	3⅔	8	7	7	2	3	6.10
Hernandez	2⅓	1	0	0	0	3	5.68
Staumont	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.60
Cuas	1	1	0	0	0	1	5.11
MINNESOTA	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Mahle	4	2	1	1	0	6	3.16
Stewart, W, 1-0	2	1	0	0	0	3	0.00
Moran	2	0	0	0	1	2	6.17
Duran	1	0	0	0	1	2	1.93

Pitches-Strikes: Greinke 88-53; Hernández 27-19; Staumont 11-9; Cuas 13-8; Mahle 66-44; Stewart 28-21; Moran 29-15; Duran 16-10.
Batters Faced: Greinke 20; Hernández 8; Staumont 3; Cuas 4; Mahle 15; Stewart 7; Moran 7; Duran 4.

Umpires: Home, Nick Mahrley; First, Jerry Layne; Second, Brock Ballou; Third, Vic Carapazza.
Time: 2:22. **A:** 12,862(38,544).

THIS DATE IN BASEBLL
APRIL 29
1902: Baltimore Orioles infielder John McGraw is hit by pitches five times, but home plate umpire Jack Sheridan refuses to allow him to take first base. In the 9th inning, McGraw is hit for the last time and sits down in the batter's box in protest. American League president Ban Johnson will suspend McGraw for five games.
1918: Center fielder Tris Speaker executed the fourth unassisted double play of his career in the Cleveland Indians' 8-4 loss to the Chicago White Sox.
1922: The New York Giants hit four inside-the-park home runs in a 15-4 win at Braves Field in Boston. George Kelly hit two and Ross Youngs and Dave Bancroft hit the others. Youngs also hit for the cycle and added a double while going 5-for-5 and driving in five runs.
1931: Wes Ferrell of the Cleveland Indians pitched a 7-0 no-hitter over the St. Louis Browns, including his brother Rick. Wes also knocked in four runs with a homer and a double.
1933: In a strange play at home plate, catcher Luke Sewell of the Washington Senators tagged out two Yankees runners on the same play. Lou Gehrig had held up, thinking a fly ball would be caught. Dixie Walker closed up on him, and both were tagged out trying to score.
1958: Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox becomes the tenth major league player to get 1,000 extra-base hits.
1981: Steve Carlton struck out Montreal's Tim Wallach in the first inning of the Philadelphia Phillies' 6-2 victory over the visiting Expos to become the sixth major league pitcher--and first left-hander--to strike out 3,000 batters.
1986: Roger Clemens set a major league record by striking out 20 batters as the Boston Red Sox defeated the Seattle Mariners 3-1.
1987: Andre Dawson had five hits and hit for the cycle to lead the Chicago Cubs to an 8-4 victory the San Francisco Giants.
1988: The Baltimore Orioles ended their 21-game losing streak by winning their first game of the season, 9-0 over the Chicago White Sox on a combined four-hitter by Mark Williamson and Dave Schmidt.
1994: Kirk Rueter of the Montreal Expos becomes the first major league pitcher since Fernando Valenzuela in 1981 to start his career with a 10-0 record.
1996: New York Mets closer John Franco becomes the first left-hander in major league history to record 300 saves.
2005: In the first matchup between 300-game winners in almost 18 years, the Cubs' Greg Maddux outdueled the Astros' Roger Clemens in Chicago's 3-2 win over Houston. Maddux earned his first win of season and 306th of his career, allowing two runs on seven hits over six innings.

LATE THURSDAY: N.Y. METS 9, WASHINGTON 8

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Call lf	4	1	2	1	1	.239
Candelario 3b	5	0	0	0	1	.232
Meneses 1b	5	1	1	0	1	.263
Ruiz c	4	1	1	0	0	.284
Thomas rf	3	2	1	0	2	.270
Garrett dh	4

SCOREBOARD

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EAST CONFERENCE

#8 Miami 4, #1 Milwaukee 1
April 16: G1 Miami 130-117.
April 19: G2 at Milwaukee 138-122.
April 22: G3 at Miami 121-99.
April 24: G4 at Miami 119-114.
April 26: G5 Miami 128-126 (OT).

#2 Boston 4, #7 Atlanta 2
April 15: G1 at Boston 112-99.
April 18: G2 at Boston 119-106.
April 21: G3 at Atlanta 130-122.
April 23: G4 Boston 129-121.
April 25: G5 Atlanta 119-117.
April 27: G6 Boston 128-120.

#3 Philadelphia 4, #6 Brooklyn 0
April 15: G1 at Philadelphia 121--101.
April 17: G2 at Philadelphia 96-84.
April 20: G3 Philadelphia 102-97.
April 22: G4 Philadelphia 96-88.

#5 New York 4, #4 Cleveland 1
April 15: G1 New York 101-97.
April 18: G2 at Cleveland 107-90.
April 21: G3 at New York 99-79.
April 23: G4 at New York 102-93.
April 26: G5 New York 106-95.

EAST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
#2 Boston vs. #3 Philadelphia
Monday: at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: at Boston, 7 p.m.
May 5: at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
May 7: at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.
x- May 9: at Boston, TBA
x-May 11: at Philadelphia, TBA
x-May 14: at Boston, TBA

#5 New York vs. #8 Miami
Sunday: G1 at New York, noon
Tuesday: G2 at New York, TBD
May 6: G3 at Miami, TBD
May 8: G4 at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
x-May 10: G5 at New York, TBD
x-May 12: G6 at Miami, TBD
x-May 15: G7 at New York, TBD

WEST CONFERENCE

#1 Denver 4, #8 Minnesota 1
April 16: G1 at Denver 109-80.
April 19: G2 at Denver 122-113.
April 21: G3 Denver 120-111.
April 23: G4 at Minnesota 114-108 (OT)
April 25: G5 at Denver 119-112.

#7 L.A. Lakers 3, #2 Memphis 2
April 16: G1 L.A. Lakers 128-112.
April 19: G2 at Memphis 103-93.
April 22: G3 at L.A. Lakers 111-101.
April 24: G4 at L.A. Lakers 117-111 (OT)
April 26: G5 at Memphis 116-99.
Friday: G6 at L.A. Lakers, late
x-Sunday: G7 at Memphis, TBA

#6 Golden State 3, #3 Sacramento 2
April 15: G1 at Sacramento 126-123.
April 17: G2 at Sacramento 114-106.
April 20: G3 at Golden State 114-97.
April 23: G4 at Golden State 126-125.
April 26: G5 Golden State 123-116.
Friday: G6 at at Golden State, late
x-Sunday: G7 at Sacramento, TBA

#4 Phoenix 4, #5 L.A. Clippers 1
April 16: G1 L.A. Clippers 115-110.
April 18: G2 at Phoenix 123-109.
April 20: G3 Phoenix 129-124.
April 22: G4 Phoenix 112-100.
April 25: G5 at Phoenix 136-130.

WEST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
#1 Denver vs. #4 Phoenix
Saturday: G1 at Denver, 7:30 p.m.
Monday: G2 at Denver, 9 p.m.
May 5: G3 at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
May 7: G4 at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
x-May 9: G5 at Denver, TBA
x-May 11: G6 at Phoenix, TBA
x-May 14: G7 at Denver, TBA

NBA PLAYOFF LEADERS
Through Thursday

REBS PER GAME	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Looney, GS	5	21	51	72	14.4
Davis, LAL	5	17	51	68	13.6
James, LAL	5	13	49	62	12.4
Jokic, DEN	5	21	41	62	12.4
Gobert, MIN	5	18	43	61	12.2
Sabonis, SAC	5	19	39	58	11.6
Embiid, PHI	3	4	30	34	11.33
Ayton, PHO	5	14	42	56	11.2
Towns, MIN	5	6	45	51	10.2
Mobley, CLE	5	15	35	50	10.0
Tatum, BOS	6	5	55	60	10.0
Robinson, NY	5	29	20	49	9.8
Zubac, LAC	5	16	32	48	9.6
Harris, PHI	4	9	26	35	8.75
Adebayo, MIA	5	11	32	43	8.6

AUTO RACING

NASCAR XFINITY A-GAME 200 LINEUP
After Friday qualifying; race Saturday
At Dover Motor Speedway; Dover, Del.; Lap length: 1.00 miles
(Car number in parentheses)
1. (48) Parker Kligerman, Chevrolet, .000mph.
2. (00) Cole Custer, Ford, .000.
3. (2) Sheldon Creed, Chevrolet, .000.
4. (27) Jeb Burton, Chevrolet, .000.
5. (31) Parker Retzlaff, Chevrolet, .000.
6. (21) Austin Hill, Chevrolet, .000.
7. (92) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, .000.
8. (9) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, .000.
9. (6) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, .000.
10. (16) Chandler Smith, Chevrolet, .000.
11. (98) Riley Herbst, Ford, .000.
12. (19) Ryan Truex, Toyota, .000.
13. (10) Derek Kraus, Chevrolet, .000.
14. (25) Brett Moffitt, Ford, .000.
15. (51) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, .000.
16. (11) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, .000.
17. (08) Gray Gaulding, Ford, .000.
18. (7) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, .000.
19. (8) Josh Berry, Chevrolet, .000.
20. (39) Ryan Sieg, Ford, .000.
21. (38) Joe Graf Jr, Ford, .000.
22. (20) John H. Nemechek, Toyota, .000.
23. (53) Cj McLaughlin, Chevrolet, .000.
24. (1) Sam Mayer, Chevrolet, .000.
25. (28) Kyle Sieg, Ford, .000.
26. (26) Kaz Grala, Toyota, .000.
27. (4) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, .000.
28. (18) Sammy Smith, Toyota, .000.
29. (43) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, .000.
30. (45) Rajah Caruth, Chevrolet, .000.
31. (78) Anthony Alfredo, Chevrolet, .000.
32. (35) Patrick Emerling, Ford, .000.
33. (44) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, .000.
34. (91) Chad Chastain, Chevrolet, .000.
35. (02) Kyle Weatherman, Chevrolet, .000.
36. (24) Corey Heim, Toyota, .000.
37. (66) Timmy Hill, Toyota, .000.
38. (07) Stefan Parsons, Chevrolet, .000.

ODDS

NBA PLAYOFFS — SATURDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Denver	2½	(226½)	Phoenix

MLB — SATURDAY

American League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
G1: Baltimore	-132	at Detroit	+112
at Minnesota	-222	Kansas City	+183
at Toronto	off	Seattle	off
at Boston	-120	Cleveland	+100
at Texas	-230	NY Yankees	+190
G2: Baltimore	off	at Detroit	off
Tampa Bay	-132	at Chi. Wh. Sox	+113

National League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
G1: Pittsburgh	-134	at Washington	+114
Atlanta	-157	at NY Mets	+135
at Miami	off	Chicago Cubs	off
G2: Pittsburgh	-134	at Washington	+114
at San Diego	-172	San Francisco	+144
Arizona	off	at Colorado	off
at LA Dodgers	-152	St. Louis	+130

Interleague

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Cincinnati	off	at Oakland	off
at Houston	-154	Philadelphia	+130
at Milwaukee	-130	LA Angels	+110

NHL PLAYOFFS — SATURDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Tampa Bay	-114	Toronto	-105
at NY Rangers	-128	New Jersey	+106
Edmonton	-166	at Los Angeles	+138

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

NHL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston 3, Florida 2
April 17: G1 at Boston 3-1.
April 19: G2 Florida 6-3.
April 21: G3 Boston 4-2.
April 23: G4 Boston 6-2.
April 26: G5 Florida 4-3 (OT).
Friday: G6 at Florida, late
x-Sunday: G7 at Boston, TBA

Carolina 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
April 17: G1 Carolina 2-1
April 19: G2 Carolina 4-3 (OT)
April 21: G3 N.Y. Islanders 5-1.
April 23: G4 Carolina 5-2.
April 25: G5 N.Y.. Islanders 3-2.
Friday: G6 at N.Y. Islanders, late
x-Sunday: G7 at Carolina, TBA

New Jersey 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
April 18: G1 N.Y. Rangers 5-1.
April 20: G2 N.Y. Rangers 5-1
April 22: G3 New Jersey 2-1 (OT)
April 24: G4 New Jersey 3-1.
April 27: G5 at New Jersey, 4-0.
Saturday: G6 at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
x-Monday: G7 at New Jersey, TBD

Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 2
April 18: G1 Tampa Bay 7-3.
April 20: G2 Toronto 7-2.
April 22: G3 Toronto 4-3 (OT).
April 24: G4 Toronto 5-4 (OT).
April 27: G5 Tampa Bay 4-2.
x-Saturday: G6 at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
x-Monday: G7 at Toronto, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Edmonton 3, Los Angeles 2
April 17: G1 Los Angeles 4-3 (OT).
April 19: G2 Edmonton 4-2.
April 21: G3 Los Angeles 3-2 (OT).
April 23: G4 Edmonton 5-4 (OT)
April 25: G5 at Edmonton 6-3.
Saturday: G6 at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
x-Monday: G7 at Edmonton, TBA

Dallas 3, Minnesota 2
April 17: G1 Minnesota 3-2 (2OT0.
April 19: G2 Dallas 7-3.
April 21: G3 Minnesota 5-1.
April 23: G4 Dallas 3-2.
April 25: G5 at Dallas 4-0.
Friday: G6 at Minnesota, late
x-Sunday: G7 at Dallas, TBA

Seattle 3, Colorado 2
April 18: G1 Seattle 3-1.
April 20: G2 Colorado 3-2.
April 22: G3 Colorado 6-4.
April 24: G4 at Seattle 3-2 (OT).
April 26: G5 Seattle 3-2.
Friday: G6 at Seattle, late
x-Sunday: G7 at Colorado, TBA

Vegas 4, Winnipeg 1
April 18: G1 Winnipeg 5-1.
April 20: G2 Vegas 5-2.
April 22: G3 Vegas 5-4 (2OT0.
April 24: G4 Vegas 4-2.
April 27: G5 Vegas, 4-1.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
New England	6	1	2	20	15	8
Cincinnati	6	1	2	20	12	10
Atlanta	5	1	3	18	18	13
New York City FC	4	2	3	15	12	10
Columbus	4	3	2	14	18	10
Nashville	3	3	3	12	8	5
Philadelphia	3	4	2	11	14	13
D.C. United	3	4	2	11	11	13
Orlando City	3	3	2	11	8	10
Chicago	2	2	4	10	12	12
Charlotte FC	2	4	3	9	10	16
Toronto FC	1	2	6	9	12	13
N.Y. Red Bulls	1	3	5	8	6	9
Inter Miami CF	2	6	0	6	6	9
CF Montréal	2	6	0	6	5	17
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
St. Louis City SC	6	2	1	19	21	10
Seattle	6	2	1	19	17	7
Los Angeles FC	5	0	3	18	16	6
FC Dallas	4	3	2	14	12	11
San Jose	4	3	2	14	11	11
Houston	4	3	1	13	10	8
Minnesota United	3	3	2	11	8	8
Vancouver	2	2	4	10	11	7
Real Salt Lake	3	5	0	9	10	17
Portland	2	5	2	8	11	15
Austin FC	2	4	2	8	6	12
Colorado	1	3	5	8	6	11
LA Galaxy	1	4	3	6	7	12
Sporting KC	0	6	3	3	3	13

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Atlanta at Nashville, 12:30p.m.
Miami at Columbus, 6:30p.m.
Charlotte FC at D.C. United, 6:30p.m.
Cincinnati at New England, 6:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at Orlando City, 6:30p.m.
New York City FC at Toronto FC, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Austin FC, 7:30p.m.
N.Y.Red Bulls at Chicago, 7:30p.m.
CF Montréal at Sporting KC, 7:30p.m.
Portland at St. Louis City SC, 7:30p.m.
Seattle at Real Salt Lake, 8:30p.m.
Houston at Los Angeles FC ppd.
Colorado at Vancouver, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCH
FC Dallas at Minnesota, 8p.m.

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Portland	3	0	1	10	11	2
OL Reign	3	1	0	9	8	3
San Diego	3	1	0	9	8	4
Gotham FC	3	1	0	9	5	3
Washington	2	0	2	8	5	3
Houston	1	0	3	6	3	2
Angel City	1	2	1	4	5	7
Louisville	0	1	3	3	4	6
Chicago	1	3	0	3	9	12
North Carolina	1	3	0	3	3	6
Kansas City	1	3	0	3	5	9
Orlando	0	4	0	0	1	10

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S RESULT
North Carolina at Houston, late

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
OL Reign at Louisville, 6:30p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 7p.m.
Orlando at San Diego, 9p.m.
Angel City at Portland, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCH
Gotham FC at Kansas City, 5p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Arsenal	33	23	6	4	78	38	75
Man City	31	23	4	4	82	29	73
Newcastle	32	17	11	4	58	26	62
Man United	31	18	6	7	48	39	60
Tottenham	33	16	6	11	60	53	54
Aston Villa	33	16	6	11	46	41	54
Liverpool	32	15	8	9	61	39	53
Brighton	30	14	7	9	55	40	49
Brentford	33	11	14	8	50	43	47
Fulham	32	13	6	13	44	43	45
Chelsea	32	10	9	13	30	35	39
Crystal Palace	33	9	10	14	31	42	37
Wolverhampton	33	10	7	16	29	44	37
Bournemouth	33	10	6	17	32	63	36
West Ham	32	9	7	16	34	43	34
Leeds	33	7	9	17	42	63	30
Notting. Forest	33	7	9	17	29	60	30
Leicester	33	8	5	20	44	57	29
Everton	33	6	10	17	25	50	28
Southampton	33	6	6	21	27	57	24

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Newcastle 4, Everton 1
Bournemouth 1, Southampton 0
Tottenham 2, Manchester United 2

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Crystal Palace vs. West Ham, 6:30a.m.
Brentford vs. Notting. Forest, 9a.m.
Brighton vs. Wolverhampton, 9a.m.
Arsenal vs. Chelsea, ppd

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Bournemouth vs. Leeds, 8a.m.
Fulham vs. Man City, 8a.m.
Man United vs. Aston Villa, 8a.m.
Newcastle vs. Southampton, 8a.m.
Liverpool vs. Tottenham, 10:30a.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH
Leicester vs. Everton, 2p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 2
Arsenal vs. Chelsea, 2p.m.

NFL

DRAFT SELECTIONS
SECOND ROUND
32. Pitt: Joey Porter Jr., Penn State
33. Ari: Will Levis, QB, Kentucky
34. Det: Sam LaPorta, TE, Iowa
35. LV: Michael Mayer, TE, Notre Dame
36. L.A. Rams: Steve Avila, G, TCU
37. Sea: Derrick Hall, LB, Auburn
38. Atl: Matthew Bergeron, G, Syracuse
39. Car: Jonathan Mingo, WR, Mississippi
40. N. Orl.: Isaiah Foskey, DE, Notre Dame
41. Ari: BJ Ojulari, LB, LSU
42. GB: Luke Musgrave, TE, Oregon St.
43. NYJ: Joe Tippmann, C, Wisconsin
44. Ind: Julius Brents, DB, Kansas State
45. Det: Brian Branch, S, Alabama
46. NE: Keioon White, DE, Georgia Tech
47. Wash: Jartavius Martin, S, Illinois
48. TB: Cody Mauch, G, N. Dakota St.
49. Pitt: Keeanu Benton, DT, Wisconsin
50. GB: Jayden Reed, WR, Michigan St.
51. Mia: Cam Smith, CB, S. Carolina
52. Sea: Zach Charbonnet, RB, UCLA
53. Chi: Gervon Dexter Sr., DT, Florida
54. LAC: Tuli Tuipulotu, LB, UCLA
55. KC: Rashee Rice, WR, SMU
56. Chi: Tyrique Stevenson, CB, Miami
57. NYG: John Michael Schmitz, C, Minn.
58. Dal: Luke Schoonmaker, TE, Michigan
59. Buf: O'Cytus Torrence, G, Florida
60. Cin: DJ Turner II, CB, Michigan
61. Jax: Brenton Strange, TE, Penn State
62. Hou: Juice Scruggs, C, Penn State
63. Den: Marvin Mims Jr., WR, Oklahoma

THIRD ROUND
64. Chi: Zacch Pickens, DT, S. Carolina
65. Phi: Tyler Steen, OT, Alabama
66. Phi: Sydeny Brown, DB, Illinois
67. Den: Drew Sanders, LB, Arkansas
68. Det: Hendon Hooker, QB, Tennessee
69. Hou: Tank Dell, WR, Houston
70. LV: Byron Young, DT, Alabama
71. NO: Kendree Miller, RB, TCU
72. Ari: Garrett Williams, CB, Syracuse
73. NYG: Jalin Hyatt, WR, Tennessee
74. Cleveland Browns
75. Atlanta Falcons
76. New England Patriots
77. Los Angeles Rams
78. Green Bay Packers
79. Indianapolis Colts
80. Pittsburgh Steelers
81. Tennessee Titans
82. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
83. Seattle Seahawks
84. Miami Dolphins
85. Los Angeles Chargers
86. Baltimore Ravens
87. Minnesota Vikings
88. Jacksonville Jaguars
89. Los Angeles Rams
90. Dallas Cowboys
91. Buffalo Bills
92. Cincinnati Bengals
93. Carolina Panthers
94. Arizona Cardinals
95. Kansas City Chiefs
96. Arizona Cardinals
97. Washington Commanders
98. Cleveland Browns
99. San Francisco 49ers
100. Las Vegas Raiders
101.San Francisco 49ers
102. San Francisco 49ers

USFL FOOTBALL

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Michigan	2	0	0	1.000	53	23
New Jersey	1	1	0	.500	30	30
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	37	47
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	18	42
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Birmingham	2	0	0	1.000	69	12
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	60	46
Houston	0	2	0	.000	44	67
Memphis	0	2	0	.000	25	69

WEEK 3
SATURDAY'S GAMES
New Orleans at Birmingham, 11:30a.m.
Memphis at Houston, 6p.m.
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 11a.m.
New Jersey at Michigan, 3p.m.

WEEK 4
SATURDAY, MAY 6
Houston at Philadelphia, 11:30a.m.
Memphis at Michigan, 6p.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 7
New Orleans at New Jersey, 2p.m.
Birmingham at Pittsburgh, 5:30p.m.

WEEK 5
SATURDAY, MAY 13
Pittsburgh at Michigan, 11:30a.m.
Houston at Birmingham, 3p.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 14
New Jersey at Philadelphia, noon
Memphis at New Orleans, 2p.m.

XFL FOOTBALL

PLAYOFFS
SATURDAY'S SEMIFINAL
Arlington at Houston, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY'S SEMIFINAL
Seattle at DC, 2 p.m.

May 13, XFL Championship Game, 7 p.m.

XFL LEAGUE LEADERS

PASS YARDS	TM	YDS	TD	I	RAT
Ben DiNucci	Sea	2,671	20	13	89.1
A.J. McCarron	StL	2,150	24	6	108.4
Jordan Ta'amu	DC	1,878	14	3	103.7
Luis Perez	Arl	1,630	9	7	88.2
Brandon Silvers	Hou	1,551	13	9	78.6
Quinten Dormady	Orl	1,507	10	5	95.7

TENNIS

MUTUA MADRID OPEN
Friday at Caja Magica, Madrid, Red clay, outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64
#1Carlos Alcaraz d. Emil Ruusuvuori, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Matteo Arnaldi d. #3Casper Ruud, 6-3, 6-4.
#5Andrey Rublev d. Stan Wawrinka, 7-5, 6-4.
#6Holger Rune d. Alexander Bublik, 6-1, 4-6, 7-6(9).
#10Karen Khachanov d. Thiago Monteiro, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
#12Hubert Hurkacz d. Richard Gasquet, 6-7(9), 6-4, 7-5.
#13Alexander Zverev d. Roberto Carballes Baena, 6-7(6), 7-5, 6-0.
Yannick Hanfmann d. #15Lorenzo Musetti, 6-4, 7-6(3).
#17Borna Coric d. Hugo Gaston, 6-3, 6-3.
#20Roberto Bautista Agut d. Quentin Halys, 4-6, 7-6(5), 6-3.
Hugo Grenier d. #22Sebastian Korda, 7-6(5), 7-6(7).
#26Grigor Dimitrov d. Gregoire Barrere, 7-6(6), 7-6(2).
#28Yoshihito Nishioka d. Alex Molcan, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.
#29Alejandro Davidovich Fokina d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 6-3, 6-4.
Jaume Munar d. #30Tallon Griekspoor, 7-6(3), ret.
Daniel Altmaier d. Oscar Otte, 6-4, 7-5.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64
#1Iga Swiatek d. Julia Grabher, 6-3, 6-2.
#3Jessica Pegula d. Magdalena Frech, 7-6(5), 6-3.
Anna Kalinskaya d. #7Elena Rybakina, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.
#8Daria Kasatkina d. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, 6-4, 6-3.
#11Barbora Krejcikova d. Danka Kovinic, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.
#12Veronika Kudermetova d. Nuria Parrizas Diaz, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.
Alycia Parks d. #15Victoria Azarenka, 6-2, 7-6(5).
#16Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Alize Cornet, 7-6(2), 6-3.
#18Martina Trevisan d. Eugenie Bouchard, 6-2, 7-5.
#21Anastasia Potapova d. Jaqueline Adina Cristian, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.
#22Zheng Qinwen d. Caty McNally, 6-4, 7-6(3).
Wang Xiyu d. #23Bianca Andreescu, 3-6, 7-6(5), 6-2.
Lesia Tsurenko d. #25Jil Teichmann, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.
#27Petra Martic d. Laura Siegemund, 7-6(6), 6-3.
#28Bernarda Pera d. Tatjana Maria, 6-1, 6-3.
#29Marie Bouzkova d. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3.

GOLF

PGA MEXICO OPEN AT VIDANTA
2nd of 4 rounds, The Norman Course at Vidanta Vallarta, Vallarta, Mexico
7,456 yards; Par: 71

Tony Finau	65-64—129	-13
Erik Van Rooyen	64-66—130	-12
Brandon Wu	66-64—130	-12
Akshay Bhatia	68-65—133	-9
Eric Cole	65-68—133	-9
Will Gordon	67-66—133	-9
Andrew Putnam	67-66—133	-9
Austin Smotherman	63-70—133	-9
Cameron Champ	68-66—134	-8
Ben Martin	68-66—134	-8
Jimmy Walker	67-67—134	-8
Tano Goya	64-71—135	-7
Beau Hossler	67-68—135	-7
Michael Kim	68-67—135	-7
Taylor Pendrith	65-70—135	-7
Raul Pereda	65-70—135	-7
Jon Rahm	67-68—135	-7
Trevor Werbylo	67-68—135	-7
Austin Cook	66-70—136	-6
Emiliano Grillo	68-68—136	-6
Stephan Jaeger	65-71—136	-6
Chez Reavie	68-68—136	-6
Greyson Sigg	72-64—136	-6
Alejandro Tosti	69-67—136	-6
Derek Ernst	68-69—137	-5
Brice Garnett	68-69—137	-5
Cody Gribble	68-69—137	-5
Lanto Griffin	68-69—137	-5
Scott Piercy	72-65—137	-5
Ben Taylor	67-70—137	-5
Carl Yuan	69-68—137	-5
Aaron Baddeley	70-68—138	-4
Jonas Blixt	71-67—138	-4
Joseph Bramlett	68-70—138	-4
Harry Hall	67-71—138	-4
Charley Hoffman	71-67—138	-4
Nicolai Hojgaard	67-71—138	-4
Mark Hubbard	68-70—138	-4
Seonghyeon Kim	69-69—138	-4
Adam Long	70-68—138	-4

LIV GOLF SINGAPORE
1st of 3 rounds, Sentosa Golf Club, Singapore7,423 yards, Par: 71
Teams Scores
HyFlyers GC: (P.Mickelson-c, B.Steele, J.Piot, C.Tringale) -12
Stinger GC: (L.Oosthuizen-c, D.Burmester, C,Schwartzel, B.Grace) -11
Ripper GC: (C.Smith-c, M.Leishman, J.Morgan, M.Jones) -9
Rangegoats GC: (B.Watson-c, T.Pieters, T.Gooch, H.Varner) -9
Smash GC: (B.Koepka-c, M.Wolf, C.Koepka, J.Kokrak) -9
Iron Heads GC: (K.Na-c, S.Vincent, D.Lee, S.Kim) -8
4 Aces GC: (D.Johnson-c, P.Uihlein, P.Perez, P.Reed) -8
Torque GC: (J.Niemann-c, D.Puig, M.Pereira, S.Munoz) -6
Crushers GC: (B.DeChambeau-c, C.Howell, A.Lahiri, P.Casey) -6
Fireballs GC: (S.Garcia-c, A.Ancer, E.Lopez-Chacarra, C.Ortiz) -5
Majesticks GC (I.Poulter-c, M.Kaymer, L.Westwood, H.Stenson) -4
Cleeks GC: (M.Kaymer-c,G.McDowell, R.Bland, L.Canter, B.Wiesberger) E
Top individuals

Talor Gooch	64	-7
Cameron Tringale	65	-6
Sergio Garcia	65	-6
Brooks Koepka	65	-6
Cameron Smith	65	-6
Bryson DeChambeau	66	-5
Phil Mickelson	66	-5
Louis Oosthuizen	66	-5
Charl Schwartzel	67	-4
Mito Pereira	67	-4
Jason Kokrak	67	-4
Patrick Reed	67	-4
Danny Lee	68	-3
Kevin Na	68	-3
Dean Burmester	69	-2
Peter Uihlein	69	-2
Marc Leishman	69	-2
Scott Vincent	69	-2
Charles Howell III	69	-2
Henrik Stenson	69	-2
Dustin Johnson	69	-2
David Puig	70	-1
Matt Jones	70	-1
Thomas Pieters	70	-1
Jediah Morgan	70	-1
James Piot	70	-1

LATE THURSDAY: LPGA TOUR JM EAGLE LA CHAMPIONSHIP
1st of 4 rounds, Wilshire CC, Los Angeles, 6,447 yards; Par: 71

Linnea Johansson	32-32—64	-7
Gemma Dryburgh	31-34—65	-6
Minjee Lee	31-34—65	-6
Aditi Ashok	34-32—66	-5
Caroline Inglis	34-32—66	-5
Danielle Kang	32-34—66	-5
Cristie Kerr	33-34—67	-4
Alison Lee	34-33—67	-4
Pernilla Lindberg	33-34—67	-4
Hae-Ran Ryu	33-34—67	-4
Amy Yang	33-34—67	-4
Allison Emrey	34-34—68	-3
Hannah Green	33-35—68	-3
Cheyenne Knight	34-34—68	-3
Xiyu Lin	34-34—68	-3
Yuna Nishimura	33-35—68	-3
Ryann O'Toole	35-33—68	-3
Linnea Strom	35-33—68	-3
Ruoning Yin	34-34—68	-3
Jaravee Boonchant	34-35—69	-2
Celine Borge	34-35—69	-2
Chella Choi	32-37—69	-2
Hye Jin Choi	36-33—69	-2
Perrine Delacour	34-35—69	-2
Ayaka Furue	35-34—69	-2
Dani Holmqvist	34-35—69	-2
Yu-Sang Hou	35-34—69	-2
Haeji Kang	33-36—69	-2
Nelly Korda	32-37—69	-2
Jasmine Suwannapura	35-34—69	-2
Lilia Vu	35-34—69	-2
Pavarisa Yoktuan	31-38—69	-2
Jennifer Chang	34-36—70	-1
Carlota Ciganda	35-35—70	-1
Lauren Coughlin	34-36—70	-1

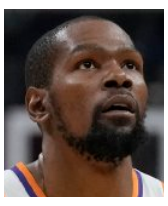
CHAMPIONS INSPERITY INVITATIONAL
1st of 3 rounds, Tournament Course, The Woodlands, Texas, 7,002 yards, Par: 72

Steven Alker	33-33—66	-6
Justin Leonard	34-32—66	-6
Colin Montgomerie	32-34—66	-6
Matt Gogel	33-34—67	-5
David Toms	34-33—67	-5
Ernie Els	35-33—68	-4
Wes Short	33-35—68	-4
Steve Stricker	34-34—68	-4
Stephen Ames	37-32—69	-3
Paul Broadhurst	35-34—69	-3
Marco Dawson	34-35—69	-3
Chris DiMarco	35-34—69	-3
Paul Goydos	34-35—69	-3
Brett Quigley	35-34—69	-3
Ken Tanigawa	34-35—69	-3
Mike Weir	34-35—69	-3
Billy Andrade	37-33—70	-2
Stuart Appleby	35-35—70	-2
Cameron Beckman	35-35—70	-2
Alex Cejka	37-33—70	-2
Glen Day	36-34—70	-2
Bob Estes	36-34—70	-2
Richard Green	37-33—70	-2
John Huston	38-32—70	-2
Thongchai Jaidee	37-33—70	-2
Miguel Angel Jimenez	33-37—70	-2
Jeff Maggert

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Durant signs lifetime deal with Nike



Kevin Durant and Nike have agreed to a lifetime contract, making him just the third NBA player to receive such a deal, joining Michael Jordan and LeBron James. The 13-time All-Star has a relationship with Nike that dates back to 2007, releasing 15 different sets of shoes. A 16th is coming soon. "When I first signed with Nike, I couldn't have dreamed of how far we'd go in this partnership," Durant said in a statement posted on Boardroom, a media company he co-founded. "We've done amazing work creatively and philanthropically. We've traveled the world together and built a business that will now last forever. I'm excited for the future and honored to be in rare company with this deal." The lifetime deal will continue to include shoes and other apparel, along with other "community and philanthropic collaboration focused on grassroots basketball." The 34-year-old Durant joined the Suns in a midseason trade with the Nets. The two-time Finals MVP paired with Devin Booker, Chris Paul and Deandre Ayton to help the Suns beat the Clippers in the opening round of the NBA playoffs.

Leclerc ends Red Bull's pole streak

Charles Leclerc and Ferrari can start to hope again. Tenth in the standings and with only a seventh-place finish to his name this season, Leclerc edged past Max Verstappen in qualifying for the Azerbaijan Grand Prix on Friday to end Red Bull's streak of pole positions in Formula One this season. That followed a tough start to 2023 for Ferrari and particularly for Leclerc, who swiftly saw his chances of challenging Verstappen for the title recede, with reliability issues and a car that was frequently the fourth-fastest in the pack behind Red Bull, Aston Martin and Mercedes. Leclerc and Verstappen had the exact same time midway through the final session of qualifying before both improved on their final runs, with Leclerc going faster by 0.188 seconds in his Ferrari to take pole in Baku for the third year in a row. "For sure I'm surprised," Leclerc said. Red Bull was on pole for all three races earlier this season, with the driver on pole winning each time. Verstappen said he felt his result was "not bad" but his final run had been "not the cleanest."

Nadal could return for French Open

The uncle and former coach of Rafael Nadal says the 22-time Grand Slam winner plans to be back fit in time to play the French Open next month. Toni Nadal told Spain's Radio Marca on Friday his nephew will soon be ready to return from a hip injury that has sidelined him since January. Toni Nadal, who coached Rafael until the end of the 2017 season, said he expects him to try to come back at Rome in early May. "He's going to play in Paris, although how he trains in the coming weeks and what he can do in Rome will be important to measure his aspirations there," Toni Nadal said. Rafael Nadal is undergoing a slow recovery from a left hip flexor injury at the Australian Open. The issue has kept him from playing at Indian Wells, Miami, Monte Carlo, Barcelona and Madrid. The 36-year-old Nadal won his record-extending 14th French Open title last year. The French Open starts on May 28. Given Nadal's age and trouble with injuries, it could be his last best shot at breaking his tie of Grand Slam titles with Novak Djokovic.

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Bryce Young poses with Panther fans after being selected as the first pick of the NFL draft on Thursday in Kansas City, Mo.
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NFL DRAFT ANALYSIS

Can't run from the past

QBs picked 1-2 often don't both have success in NFL

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bryce Young was walking to an interview after being picked first in the NFL draft when he heard C.J. Stroud was selected second.

Young celebrated with a loud scream and a big smile.

The two childhood friends from Southern California became the ninth pair of quarterbacks picked 1-2 overall since the AFL-NFL merger in 1970 and the first Black signal-callers. They shared a hug after the Panthers took Young first and rejoiced when Stroud went next to the Texans.

"C.J. is like a brother to me and hearing him selected was amazing," Young said. "He is a great player and person and to be going through this process together is surreal."

History says it's a longshot that both QBs will have successful careers.

Young and Stroud already have defied the odds getting here so they're up for the challenge. So is Anthony Richardson, who was chosen at No. 4 by the Colts.

"The city of Houston hasn't seen a franchise quarterback in a long time," Stroud said. "I definitely think I can become a franchise quarterback. I got to put in a lot of work."

Of the previous 16 quarterbacks selected 1-2, only Peyton Manning won a Super Bowl for the team that drafted him. Jim Plunkett was picked No. 1 by the Patriots in 1971, but won two Super Bowls for the Raiders years later. Carson Wentz was 11-2 as a starter for the 2017 Eagles, but a knee injury forced him to miss that team's Super Bowl run.

Other QBs in that group have produced wide-ranging results.

Archie Manning was the second pick behind Plunkett. He had a lengthy career mostly with the Saints, but was 35-101-3 and never had a winning season.

Drew Bledsoe, the No. 1 pick in 1993 by the Patriots, was a four-time Pro Bowl pick in 14 seasons. He also won a Super Bowl backing up Tom Brady in 2001. Rick Mirer, chosen second in that draft by the Seahawks, played a decade in the league but was 24-44 as a starter.

The greatest contrast between two players picked 1-2 was Manning and Ryan Leaf in 1998. Manning is a Hall of Famer and Leaf is one of the draft's all-time biggest busts.

In 1999, the Browns took Tim Couch No. 1 and the Eagles selected Donovan McNabb second. Couch lasted five seasons, going 22-37. McNabb was a six-time Pro Bowl pick who helped the Eagles reach the NFC championship game five times with one Super Bowl appearance.

Thirteen years later, Andrew Luck and Robert Griffin III went 1-2. Luck was on a Hall of Fame path with the Colts until he abruptly retired before the start of the 2019 season. Griffin was the AP's Offensive Rookie of the Year, but a serious knee injury hindered his career.

Jameis Winston and Marcus Mariota were the first two picks in 2015. They've had moderate success and now are backups. Winston is on his second team and Mariota on his fourth.

Jared Goff was picked ahead of Wentz in 2016. He led the Rams to a Super Bowl appearance before he was traded to the Lions for Matthew Stafford. Goff revived his career with the Lions last season and made his third Pro Bowl. Wentz is a free agent seeking his fourth team in four years.

Trevor Lawrence and Zach Wilson were the first two picks in 2021. Lawrence led the Jaguars to a playoff win in his second season. Wilson lost his starting job with the Jets to a future Hall of Famer named Aaron Rodgers.

Young and Stroud have tremendous potential but there's plenty of question marks.

Young wasn't a sure-fire No. 1 pick like Lawrence, Joe Burrow and Luck. His slender size is a legitimate concern. Though he dominated at Alabama where he won the 2021 Heisman Trophy, it's fair to wonder whether he could handle the rigors of the NFL.

"There's a lot said about the size," Panthers coach Frank Reich said. "At the end of the day, there's a lot of factors that go into it but we're coaches, we're scouts, we watch the tape and when you watch the tape, Bryce Young is the best player."

Stroud wasn't even sure he'd be picked in the top 20 because of reports that he scored poorly in the S2 Cognition test came out recently. He spoke candidly in a media tour for Tidal and Lockerverse hours before the draft and cried after he got the call from the Texans.

"I think I'm battle-tested," Stroud said. "I think God has put a lot of trials and tribulations in my life. It's not for no reason."

The dynamic, dual-threat Richardson has the biggest upside of the three QBs but also the most bust potential. He threw only 393 passes in his career at Florida so he's raw and needs time to develop.

"I'm willing to work harder than anybody," Richardson said.

Time will tell how the 2023 QB draft class will be judged.

NFL DRAFT

Levis finally has his name called

Associated Press

The Titans ended Will Levis' wait to hear his name called Friday night, trading up eight spots with the Cardinals to select the Kentucky quarterback with the No. 33 pick overall Friday night in the NFL draft.

Levis left Kansas City after sitting around and never hearing his name called Thursday night. Talking to reporters via a Zoom call, Levis said where he was drafted won't affect his work ethic. Levis had visited Tennessee and said he felt he connected with everyone he met.

"I ended up where I was meant to be, and I'm just looking forward to competing and getting started," Levis said.

Levis flew home Friday and said he was eating after just walking through the door at home just as his name was called. Levis said he left Kansas City to make sure he got home in time for a big family gathering planned for Saturday believing he would be drafted in the first round Thursday night.

"I was ecstatic to get the call," Levis said.

TV cameras kept going back to Levis and his family over and over through the first round as they waited at the NFL's big draft party in Kansas City.

Three quarterbacks were taken in the first four picks, then nothing until the Titans traded up for the second pick of the second round Friday night.

"I was very proud of my family and how we composed ourselves last night and you know the cameras beaming down on us the whole time," Levis said. "I feel like we did a great job of just taking it in stride and trusting that regardless of what happens, that it's going to happen for a reason."

Lions take Iowa tight end LaPorta in 2nd round: The Lions selected Iowa tight end Sam LaPorta No. 34 overall, their first of three picks in the second round of the NFL draft on Friday night.

The Lions acquired the early second-round pick from the Cardinals on Thursday as part of a trade that gave the Cardinals the No. 6 pick overall.

The Lions had a pair of selections in the first round, trading down to draft Alabama running back Jahmyr Gibbs at No. 12 and taking Iowa linebacker Jack Campbell six slots later.

Steelers bring Porter Jr. home: Joey Porter Jr. is going home to Pittsburgh.

The Steelers selected the Penn State cornerback and Pittsburgh native with the first pick in the second round of the NFL draft on Friday night.

Porter, the son of former Steelers linebacker and assistant coach Joey Porter Sr., played high school football in Pittsburgh's northern suburbs before spending four seasons with the Nittany Lions.

Porter joins a cornerback group in need of an influx of youth and talent. The team signed veteran Patrick Peterson during the offseason but lost Cam Sutton to Detroit in free agency. The 6-foot-2, 195-pound Porter gives the Steelers a cornerback with size and the skills necessary to play in a defense that thrives on blitzing, frequently forcing the defensive backs to play man to man.

The elder Porter spent eight seasons in Pittsburgh as a player from 1999-2006, winning a Super Bowl and making the Pro Bowl three times.

He returned for a stint as an assistant on Mike Tomlin's staff from 2014-19.

Falcons trade up in 2nd round to draft Bergeron: The Falcons addressed a need on their offensive line by selecting Syracuse offensive tackle Matthew Bergeron after trading with the Colts in the second round of the NFL draft on Friday night.

Bergeron was introduced as a guard, an indication he will be given an opportunity to fill the left guard position left vacant when Elijah Wilkinson signed as a free agent with the Cardinals. Wilkinson started nine games at left guard for the Falcons last season.

The Falcons acquired the No. 38 overall pick in the draft from the Colts for the No. 44 overall pick in the second round and a fourth-round pick on Saturday.

Panthers give QB Young help, select Mississippi WR Mingo: The Panthers gave new quarterback Bryce Young some help on Friday night, selecting Mississippi wide receiver Jonathan Mingo with the 39th overall pick in the NFL draft.

The 6-foot-2, 220-pound Mingo caught 112 passes for 1,758 yards and 12 touchdowns in four seasons for the Rebels. While Mingo is a big receiver, he also has solid speed, having been clocked at 4.46 seconds in the 40.

Cowboys go Michigan again with TE Schoonmaker: The Cowboys made it two-for-two on picks from Michigan, taking tight end Luke Schoonmaker with the 58th overall pick in the second round of the NFL draft Friday night.

The selection of Schoonmaker comes after the Cowboys took Michigan defensive tackle Mazi Smith 26th overall in the first round.

There was talk of the Cowboys taking a tight end in the first round, but Utah's Dalton Kincaid was the only one taken on opening night, by the Bills when they traded up two spots to get one pick ahead of the Cowboys.